United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit



APPENDIX

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT

Docket No. 76-3004

NATHAN KEVELSON,

Petitioner,

-vs.-

HON. JACK WEINSTEIN, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE, EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK,

Respondent.

On Petition For Writ Of Mandamus

PETITIONER'S APPENDIX

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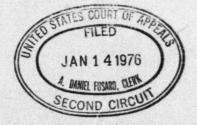
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20-74	Notice of Motion filed to dismiss indictment for denial of fundamental standards of fair play, etc (Deft Al Kevelson) Judge has papers.
9 20-74	Notice of Motion filed with Memorandum of Law in support for dismissal of the Indictment for denial of due process of law etc (Nathan Kevelson)
9 20-74	Notice of Motion filed with Memorandum of Law in support for dismissal of the indictment because of violation of deft Nachan Kevelson's fundamental Fifth Amendment, etc. (Judge has papers)
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8/8-18-7	5 Notice of appearance filed (NATHAN KEVELSON)
8-18-75	Before WBINSTEIN J - case called - defts & attys present -Raywond Grunewald for deft/Revelson and Hyman Zoloto for deft Nathan
	Kevelson - pre trial conference held and concluded - Jan. 19, 1976
	at 9:30 am to mark documents, etc. All summaries & charts to be used
	by experts to be marked at that time - Motions adid to Jan. 19, 1976
	at 9:30 am - atty Hyman Zoloto is now the attorney for deft NATHAN KEVELSON - trial set for Jan. 26, 1976 at 10:00 am.
8-25-	5 By WEINSTEIN J - Order filed that Hyman L. Zoloto be substituted as counsel for deft Nathan Kevelson in place of Michael Gillen, Esq.
44175	Petition for continuance of trial date filed(N, KEVELSON) ret/ 12/5/75
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	Dec. 11, 1975 at 9:15 am (petition for severance) counsel present.
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12/29/75	Letter from Hyman Zoloto dated 12/29 /75 filed (NATHAN KEVELSON)
1-5-76	Copy of letter filed received from Chambers dated 12-29-75 re deft Al Kevelson . from counsel Paymond Grunewald.
/9/76	Before WEINSTEIN, J Case called- deft and counsel present- motion by Nathan Kevelson for severance argued and denied- So Ordered

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UNITED SUATES DISTRICT COURT A

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

-against-

At AUVELSON and HATBAN REVELEOR,

INDICTION

Cr. No. 11 C c 3 16 (T.26, U.S.C., 77201 and T.18, U.S.C., \$2)

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Defendants.

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

1-10-74

COUNT ONE

On or about the 15th day of April 1970, within the Contorn District of New York, the defeat at, At KEVELSON, A resident of Brooklyn, Hew York who during the calendar year 1969 was married, and aided and abouted by the defendant, HATHAN ELVELSON, and wilfelly and knowingly attempt to evade and defeat a large part of the income tax due and owing by him and his wife to the United Status of Asseries for the calendar your 1989, by making and canadag to be made false decomments and false catalog to versite, by perpecting and existing to be respected, 'y daning and compling to be ofered, and by sailing and o colog to be reited, a fatre and fromtubent income tax retarn on behalf of bloods and bis said wife, which return was filed with the taternal devenus Resvica, wherein it was shaled that their tage able income for soid calender year was the see of \$35,100.08 and that the amount of the dea and owing thereon was the new of \$7,000.01, showers, as he then and there well know, their joint tamble ign a for the said catendar year was the dut of \$53,756.00, eyon thich said tombbe income there was string to the United East's of worlds an throad the of \$20,889.79.

(mitte 26, United States Seds, 97201; Mitte 19, Daited States-

On or about the 15th day of December 1970, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant, AL KEVELSON, and the defendant, NATHAN KEVELSON, who were the vice President and President, respectively, of the Dapice Ace Insulation Manufacturing Corporation, did wilfully and knowingly attempt to evade and defeat a large part of the income texes due and owing by the said corporation to the United States of Archica for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1970, by making and causing to be sade false decements and false calcies in records, by preparing and causing to be proposed, by signing and eausing to be signed, and by mailing and causing to be sitled, a false and fraudulent income tax return, which return to s filed with the Internal Revenue Service, wherein they alley of that the togethe income of the corporation for the said fiscal year was the pers of plane 593,357.49 ages which there was no tax due thereon, whereas as they then and there well know, the taxable to read of the energoration for the said calendar year was the and of \$663,136.27, upon which tamable income the corporates and to the United States of Asseries a total tax of \$327, 105.68. (fitte 26, United States Code, \$7201; Title 18, United States Code, 52)

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On or about the 15th day of December 1970, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant, At MINIMESON, a soldent of Secoktyn, New York, did willfully a 4 knowingly aid and assist in, and counsel, passure, and advise the preparation and presentation to the Internal Revenue Pervious, of a experient theory ten return of the major and the first allow the foreign to the fiscal year embed September 30, 1970, which

vas false and fraudulent as to a material matter, in that it represented that the said Empire Ace Insulation Manufacturing Corporation was entitled under the provisions of the Internal Takenne laws to claim deductions for the purchases of materials in the total sum of \$3,190,740.64, whereas, as the said defendant then and there well knew and believed, the total deductions which the said Empire Ace Insulation Manufacturing Corporation were entitled to claim for said calendar year were in the total sum of \$2,624,216.33.

(Title 26, United States Code, 57206(2))

COUNT FOUR

On or about the 15th day of April 1971, within the destern of states of New York, the defection, At Expressed, a confident of Problem, New York to decing the call of a year 1979 was reacted, and added and abstract by the detectable, therein added at 1 and a lifety and involvedly although the avoid and defect a large part of the income tax due and owing by him ad his wife to the United States of America for the estendar year 1970, by making and causing to be rade false documents and false entries ; in records, by preparing and causing to be preparing to be naticed, and causing to be algored, and by railing and causing to be naticed, a false and Taxoshrbak Immune that actuar on belieff of thereis and him satisfact, which return was rilled with the faternal new one faculties, wherein it was stated that their thousands for one for path calcular year was the sum of \$11,376.15 and that the amount of the deep and owing thereon was the sum of \$31,376.15 and that the amount

as he then and there well know, their joint taxable income for the said calendar year was the sum of 3673,719.98, upon which said taxable income there was owing to the Daited States of Aberica on income tax of \$430,247.84.

(Title 26, United States Code, \$7201; Title 19, United States Code, \$2)

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COUNT PIVE

On or about the 17th day of March 1972, within the Eastern District of New York, the defemiant, At KKY-LEON, and the defendant, HAYBAN EDVELSON, who were the Vice President and President, respectively, of Empire Ace insulation Manufacturing Corporation, did wilfully and knowingly attempt to evade and defeat a large part of the income lases due and only by the hald entropy tion to the United States of Asserter Pag it allies your ended Coptender 39, 1971, by making and country to be under folia decreases and intra national to recognize by projecting and country to be proposed by signing and cousing to be signed, and by saiting and causing to be milled, a false and fraudulent income tax return, which return was filed with the Internal Sevenue Service, who rein they altered that the taxable income of the corporation for the maid fine it your was the sum of \$60,315,65 and that the total amount of the due there as was the and of \$32,051,53, whereas as they then and there well know, the tageble facers of the corporation for the and orleader year was the sum of \$446,093.49, mean which taxable income the corporation exed to the United States of Ferrica a total tax of \$207,531.67.

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COUNT SIX

On or about the 17th day of March 1972, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant, AL KEVELSON, a resident of Brooklyn, New York, did wilfully and knowingly make and subscribe a corporate income tax return of the Empire Ace Insulation Manufacturing Corporation, which was verified by a written declaration that it was made under the penalties of porjury and was filed with the Internal Revenue Service, which haid comporate income tax return he did not believe to be true and correct es to every material matter in that the said conjugate income tax return reflected deductions for the purchase of raterials in the sum of \$3,455,100.20, whereas, as he then . and there well knew and believed the Empire Ace Insulation Manufacturing Corporation was only entitled to claim deductions for the purchase of materials for said tiscal year in the arount of \$3,009,412.40. 365 687.50

(Alete 26, United States Code, 97206(1))

COUNT STVIN

On or about the 17th day of March, 1972, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant, DATEM PEVELSON, a resident of Brooklyn, New York, did villally and knowingly aid and assist in, and councel, procure, and advice the preparation and presentation to the Internal Revenue Service, of a corporate income tax return of the Empire Ace Insulation Manufacturing Composation for the fingal year caded September 30, 1971, which was false and fraudulent as to a material matter, in that it represented that the said it pice Ace Insulation Hammingtoning

Corporation was entitled under the provisions of the Internal Revenue laws to claim deductions in the total sum of \$3,455,100.20, whereas, as the said defendant then and there well know and believed, the total deductions which the said Empire Ace Insulation Manufacturing Corporation was entitled to claim for said calendar year were in the total sum of \$3,009.412.40.

(Title 26, United States Code, 57206(2))

COUNT EIGHT

On or about the 15th day of April 1972, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant, AL KEV LSON, a resident of Brooklyn, New York who during the calendar year 1971 was married, and aided and abotted by the defendant, NATHAN KEVELSON, did wilfully and knowingly attempt to evade and defeat a large part of the income tax due and owing by him and his wife to the United States of America for the calendar year 1971, by making and causing to be : do false decements and false entries in records, by preparing and causing to be prepared, by signing and consing to be signed, and by mailing and causing to be mailed, a false and fraudulent income tax roturn on behalf of himself and his said wife, which return was dital with the Internal Revenue Service, wherein it was stated that their tamable income for said calendar year was the sum of 923,737.64 and that the amount of tax due and owing thereon was the sum of \$5,540.67. whereas, as he then and there well know, their joint taxable income for the said calendar year was the sum of \$409,979.94, upon which said tomble income there was owing to the United States of America an income tax of \$245,203.40.

(ritle 26, United States Code, 57201; Title 18, United States Code, 52)

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

-against-

AL KEVELSON and NATHAN KEVELSON,

Defendants.

74 CR. 370 (JBW)

PETITION FOR CONTINUANCE

COMES NOW the petitioner, HYMAN L. ZOLOTO, the attorney for the defendant, NATHAN KEVELSON, and respectfully shows to this Court:

- 1. I was retained by the defendant, Nathan Kevelson, on the 13th day of August 1975; that prior thereto, said defendant was represented by the late Joseph E. Brill. I have been informed that the late Mr. Brill was ill for a great length of time while he was representing this defendant, and ultimately died on or about May 17, 1975 of cancer. The file indicates that the decedent, Joseph E. Brill, had considered moving for a medical severance and/or continuance on behalf of the defendant, Nathan Kevelson. I have been informed that, as a result of his illness and ultimate death, he did not and could not pursue this motion.
- I decided, amongst other things, immediately after
 I was retained, to move for a medical severance on behalf of the

defendant, Nathan Kevelson. I informed Mr. John Caden, the Assistant United States Attorney representing the Government in this matter, at my very first conference after meeting him, that as soon as I had completed certain prior commitments that I had, one of the first items on my agenda was to make a motion on behalf of Nathan Kevelson for a continuance and/or a severance based upon his acute heart ailment.

- appeared on the calendar before Your Honor for conference on the 18th day of August 1975, and immediately after the conference with your Honor, I, together with Stuart R. Shaw, Esq., an associate from my office, met with Mr. Caden in his office, whereat I advised him about the bringing of this motion and further discussed with him in detail, the doctors and cardiac specialists that I intended to use, and that I was awaiting their examinations and reports in order to be able to perfect this motion. I assured Mr. Caden that I would submit to him, and to the Court, all such physicians' reports in support of my motion.
- 4. Further, on the 19th day of September, 1975, at a conference with me and David G. Trager, the United States Attorney, together with Stuart R. Shaw of my office and Mr. Raymond Gruncwald, the attorney for co-defendant Al Kevelson, I reiterated my position to all those present. I promised to proceed with reasonable dispatch so that none of the parties would be inconvenienced.

- 5. From August 13, 1975 up until October 13, 1975, I attempted to have my client examined by all the physicians and to obtain reports from them regarding his condition. Unfortunately, I became seriously ill and on October 13, 1975, was admitted to Doctors Hospital suffering from an acute case of pneumonia. I developed a coronary condition simultaneously therewith. I remained at Doctors Hospital until November 15, 1975, and thereafter was confined to my home. I was finally permitted by my physicians to go back to my duties for two hours per diem on November 24, 1975.
- physicians while I was in the hospital. I called John Caden at once upon my return to work and offered to immediately send him the reports in order that he and/or his office would not be unduly delayed. He advised me that this would not be necessary but that I should proceed to asked the motion and I promised to do so as expeditiously as I could under all of the circumstances. At the present time, I am permitted to work only three and a half hours per diem. I have prepared these papers as best I could within the time allotted to me for work.
- 7. I have been advised that I can proceed with this case and the practice of law since I did not suffer any permanent heart damage as a result of my coronary and because of the good progress that I have been making. I represent to this

Court that I can adequately represent the defendant in this matter.

- 8. I have had occasion to interview Dr. Benjamin Rosenberg and I have received reports from him in connection with the preparation of this motion. Stuart R. Shaw has spoken to Dr. Simon Dack and Dr. Charles A. Poindexter in regard to the instant motion while I was confined to the hospital. I thereafter had occasion to speak to the aforementioned doctors I am submitting the reports of all three physicians in lieu of their affidavits, in the interest of saving time and in bringing this motion as expeditiously as I possibly can under the circumstances, pursuant to the restrictions from my doctors as to my working capability at the present time. This procedure is instituted in the interest of speed and to make it easier for me to prepare this motion. I, as an officer of the Court, represent the truth and accuracy thereof, and that these are the reports which were submitted to me by all three physicians. The reports of Dr. Benjamin Rosenberg, the original physician who treated Nathan Kevelson for his heart condition, are hereto attached marked Exhibits A, B and C. I have been informed that Mr. Kevelson has an appointment for further treatment with Dr. Rosenberg on December 16, 1975 and should a further report be required by the Court and/or the U. S. Attorney's Office, I represent to produce the same.
 - 9. I am also submitting herewith medical reports from Dr. Simon Dack, marked Exhibits D and E. Dr. Dack examined and treated the defendant after being called in as a consultant by Dr. Rosenberg because of the defendant's serious medical condition

- bringing this motion the defendant should be examined by another physician of eminence in order to obtain an independent opinion. I arranged for Dr. Charles A. Poindexter to examine Mr. Kevelson and disclosed this to Mr. Trager and Mr. Caden prior to the date set for the examination. This appointment with Dr. Poindexter was arranged while I was confined to Doctors Hospital. Dr. Poindexter examined Mr. Kevelson and has submitted his findings and report, a copy of which is hereto attached, marked Exhibit F.
- 11. I respectfully submit that it is important and relevant for this Court and the United States Attorney's Office to be apprised of the expertize and qualifications of the doctors who have submitted the aforementioned reports.
- (a) With respect to Dr. Charles A. Poindexter: Dr.

 Poindexter is Professor Emeritus of Medicine, New York University

 Post-graduate Medical School; Fellow, American Board of Internal

 Medicine, with sub-specialty of Cardiovascular Disease since

 1937; Chief of the Department of Cardiology at the Post-graduate

 Medical School for 30 years; Previous Resident of the New York

 Heart Association; Member of the American College of Physicians;

 Member of the Clinical Federation for Research; Fellow of the

 American College of Cardiologists; Chief of the Cardiology

 Department of New York University Hospital; Attending physician

 at Doctors Hospital; Consulting Cardiologist at Bellevue Hospital,

St. Francis of Port Jervis, Good Samaritan Hospital, Tuxedo Park Memorial Hospital, Phelps Memorial Hospital; Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at the New York University Post-graduate Medical School.

(b) With respect to Dr. Simon Dack, of whom Dr. Poindexter has said "is one of the most eminent cardiologists in this country", he is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians; Fellow of the American College of Cardiologists; Fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians; Chief of the Cardiology Department at Mt. Sinai Hospital; Attending physician at Metropolitan Hospital, Fifth & Flower Hospital and Doctors Hospital. He is also a lecturer in Cardiology at Columbia University; Associate Professor of Medicine of New York Medical College: Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine; Chief of the Cardiac Clinic at Metropolitan Hospital. He has been the recipient of the Distinguished Fellow Award of the American College of Cardiology in 1969, and a Presidential Citation in 1971. Additionally, he is a Fellow A.C.P. of the American Medical Writers Association, American College of Cardiology; a member of the New York Academy of Sciences, American Heart Association Council on Clinical Cardiology, American Federation for Clinical Research. He has also contributed to various journals and is the Editor of the American Journal of Cardiology.

- (c) With respect to Dr. Benjamin Rosenberg, he is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians; Attending Physician at Maimonides Hospital, Kings County Hospital; Staff Physician at Kings Highway Hospital. He is also the Chief of the Hypertension Clinic at Maimonides Hospital; an instructor in medicine at the Downstate Medical School (affiliated with Kings County Hospital); Staff Physician in the Department of Medicine at Caledonian Hospital. Additionally, he has served with distinction on Excerpta Medica, and has published at least 17 medical papers on the subject and related areas to date.
- Poindexter and Dr. Dack have been qualified and have testified as experts on heart disease before the Federal Courts in the Eastern District and Southern District of New York in the past. Dr. Poindexter has testified for the government in the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York. I have also been advised that Dr. Dack is presently engaged in authoring a book on the subject of heart diseases and heart ailments.

13. My office has obtained the complete medical file on Nathan Kevelson from Maimonides Hospital, including photostats of all cardiograms taken. All of the physicians utilized said records in making their findings on Nathan Kevelson in addition to the electrocardiograms taken by each individual specialist. These medical records are being submitted herewith as Exhibit G.

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- 14. Most respectfully, all three doctors who examined and/or treated Mr. Kevelson reached the same conclusion about his state of health and his ability to stand trial. All of the records and documents are submitted as part of this motion to substantiate such conclusion,
- 15. Prior to my becoming ill, and at the present time, it has been impossible for me to prepare this case with respect to the facts. Mr. Shaw has reported the same conclusion to me in his meeting with Mr. Kevelson while I was ill. Mr. Kevelson is constantly complaining of heart pain, particularly when under tension and stress and, unquestionably, he is unable to concentrate on the facts to be discussed which are necessary in order for me to prepare for his defense. The defendant does not perform any work, labor or services in connection with his business and has received no compensation since July 1974.

Court grant the relief requested herein ordering a continuance or, in the alternative, a medical severance be granted to Nathan Kevelson, based on the fact that he is medically unable to stand trial because of a severe heart ailment, and for such other and further relief as to this Court may seen necessary, proper, and in the interests of justice.

Hew York, New York December 3, 1974 Respectfully Subritted,

NYMAN L. ZOLOTO, Attorney for Defendant Nathan Kevelson 600 Madison Avenue New York, New York 10022 (212) 751-5200 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

- against -

74 CR 370 (JBW)

AL KEVELSON and NATHAN KEVELSON,

AFFIDAVIT

Defendants.

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STATE OF NEW YORK) SS.:

STUART R. SHAW, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- 1. I am an attorney duly admitted and licensed to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, and am admitted and licensed to practice before the Bar of the State of New York.
- 2. I am associated with Hyman L. Zoloto, and in relation thereto, I arranged for Nathan Kevelson, pursuant to Mr. Zoloto's instructions, to be examined by Dr. Charles A. Poindexter, and was present at the doctor's office during this examination for approximately one and a half hours.
- 3. I have been informed that Nathan Kevelson is also treated by Dr. Carlos Fuhrkin as the result of an implantation of a pacemaker in his chest and is required to contact Dr. Fuhrkin's office at least once a week for his pacemaker to be checked.

4. I have examined the card which Mr. Kevelson is required to carry with him at all times. This card explains his severe medical condition and what is to be done in the event of an emergency. I would also like to point out that I made the following lay observations in regard to Mr. Kevelson's physical condition:

I personally accompanied Nathan Kevelson to Dr.

Poindexter's office. We only had to walk four blocks from Mr.

Zoloto's office, where Mr. Kevelson met with me, to Dr.

Poindexter's office. It was impossible for Mr. Kevelson to walk more than a couple of hundred feet without stopping to catch his breath and rest. I observed the identical physical ailment of Mr. Kevelson after Dr. Poindexter had completed the examination.

I accompanied Mr. Kevelson from Dr. Poindexter's office to 57th Street and Park Avenue [a four block walk], where his son-in-law was to pick him up and drive him home. What would have been but a five-minute walk for me, took more than three times that amount of time to complete because of the fact that Mr. Kevelson had to stop several times, on each block, to catch his breath and rest.

I personally attempted to interview Mr. Kevelson in regard to the facts of his case, while Mr. Zoloto was ill in the hospital. I have also attended meetings and conferences between Mr. Zoloto and Mr. Nathan Kevelson. It was literally impossible for counsel to adequately prepare Mr. Kevelson for

trial because of the fact that Mr. Kevelson's medical condition is so severe, that it is difficult for counsel to pose questions to the defendant on the facts for fear that he might not be able to survive the rigors of such an examination.

- before this Honorable Court on August 13, 1975, and I met with Mr. Caden and Mr. Zoloto at Mr. Caden's office thereafter. Mr. Caden was then informed about the motion which Mr. Zoloto intended to make regarding a medical severance on Nathan Kevelson's behalf. I was also present at a meeting with Mr. David G. Trager, United States Attorney, on September 19, 1975, together with Mr. Caden, Mr. Zoloto and Mr. Raymond Grunewald, and on that occasion, Mr. Zoloto advised all present that he was making this motion and was awaiting receipt of the medical reports and findings of the three physicians, which are the bases for this motion. The names of the three physicians were disclosed to the U.S. Attorney and to Mr. Caden.
- 6. During the week of November 24, 1975, I had a telephone conference with Mr. Caden. It was volunteered by Mr. Zoloto and myself that in order to ameliorate any problems with respect to the timeliness of this motion, that we would submit to Mr. Caden all the reports of the doctors, together with any and all medical records which were in our possession in connection with this matter. Mr. Caden suggested that this was not necessary and that we proceed with this motion.

- 7. That I personally have talked to Doctors Dack and Poindexter and that, as an officer of this Court, I am of the opinion that any trial procedure would be extremely dangerous and might easily result in defendant's death while being examined in the courtroom.
- 8. Both doctors have informed me personally that they strongly advise against the defendant appearing in the courtroom.

WHEREFORE, I most respectfully pray that this most Honorable Court order that a continuance and/or severance be granted to Nathan Kevelson based on the fact that he is medically unable to stand trial because of his severe heart condition, and for such other and further relief as to this Court may seem necessary, proper and in the interest of justice.

SWORN TO before me this and day of December, 1975

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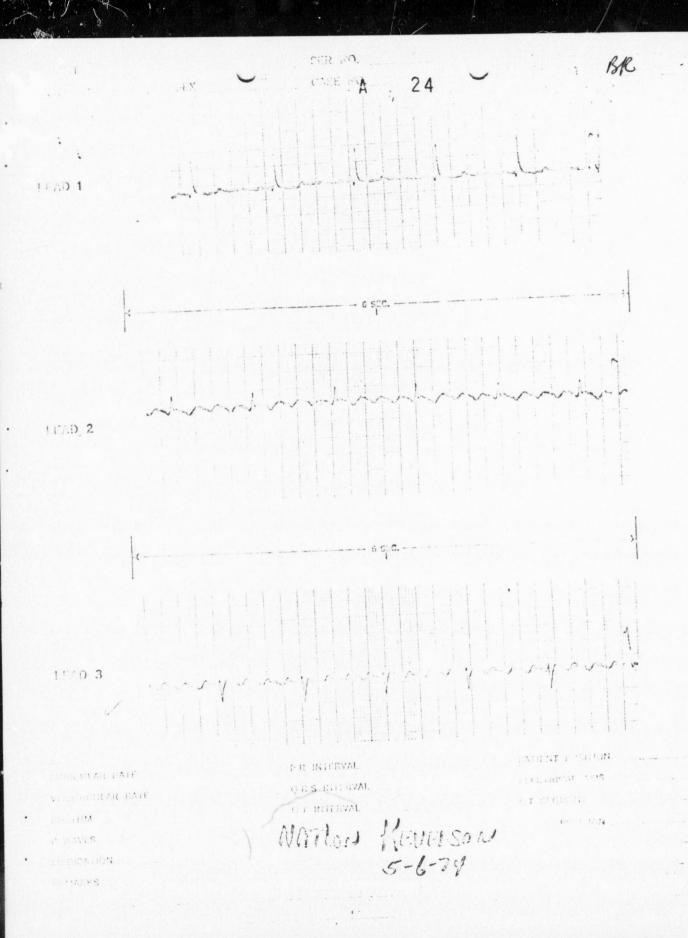
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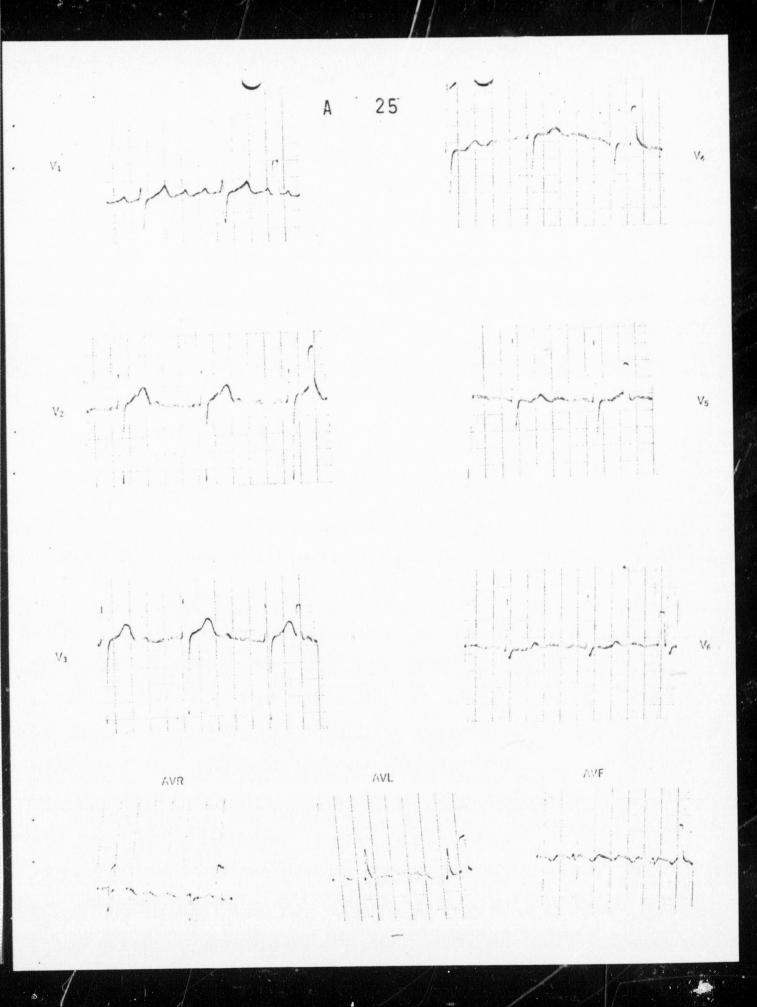
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Yours very truly

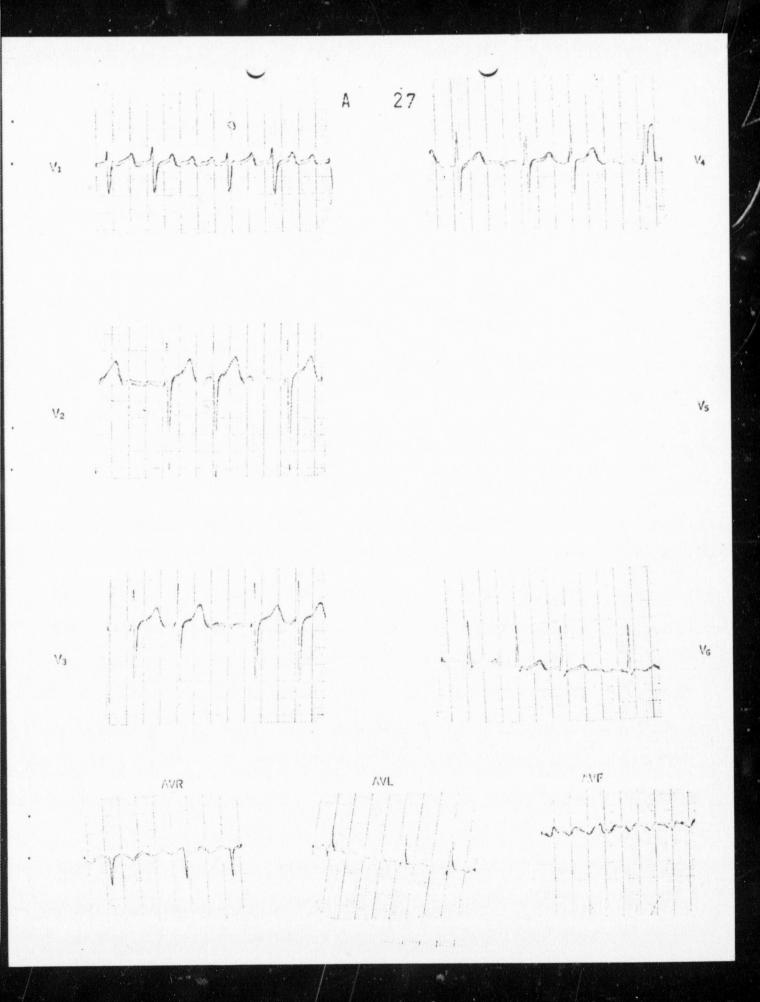
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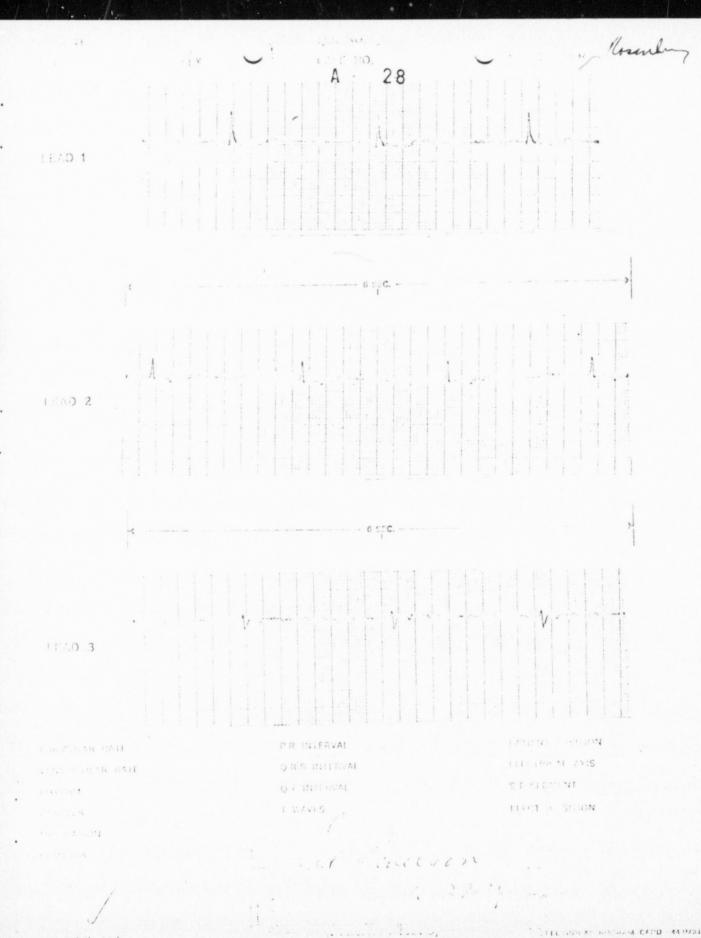
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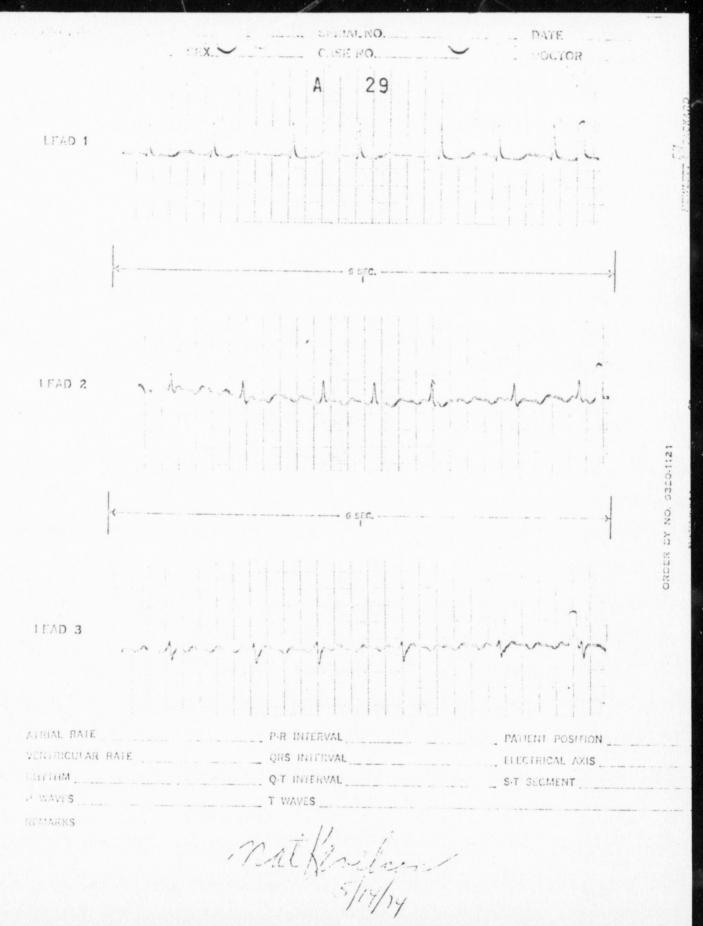


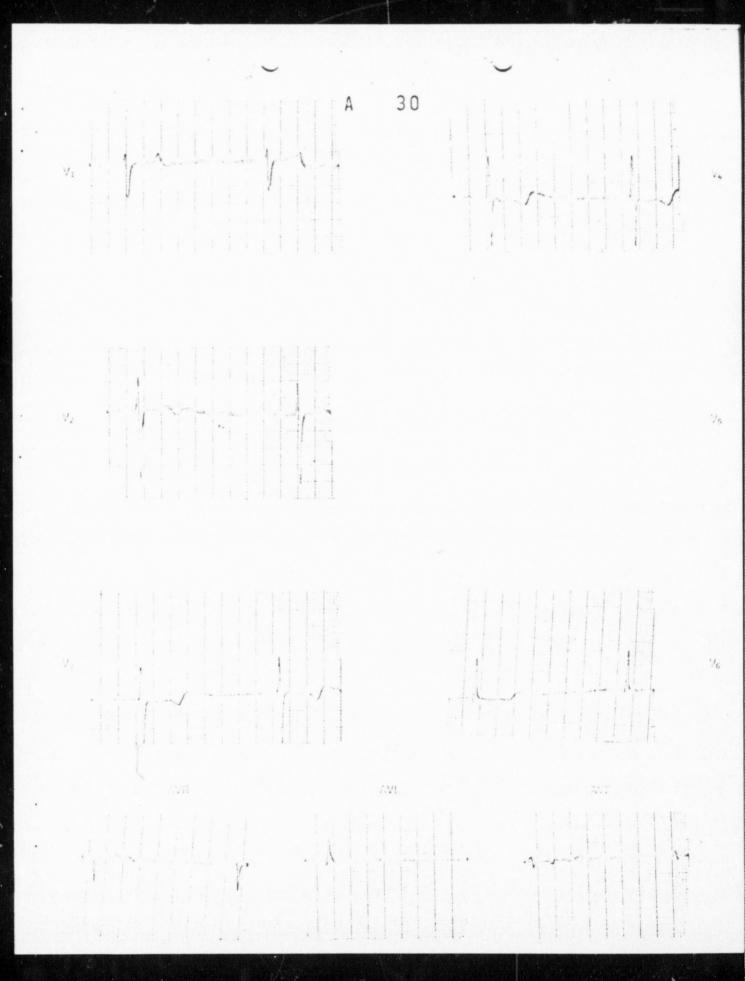


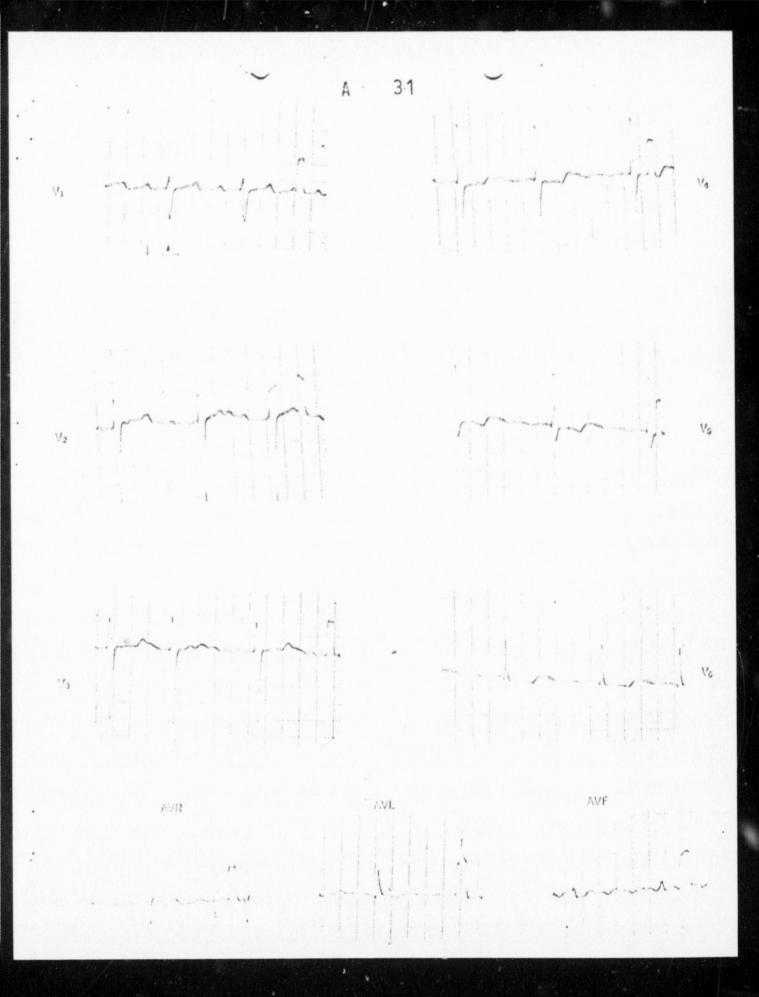


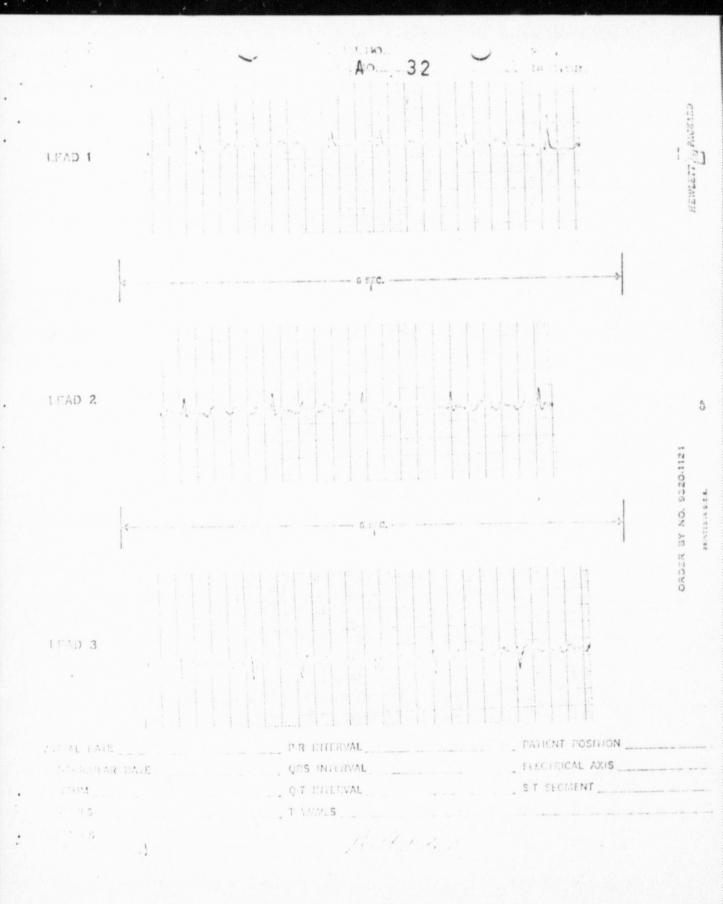






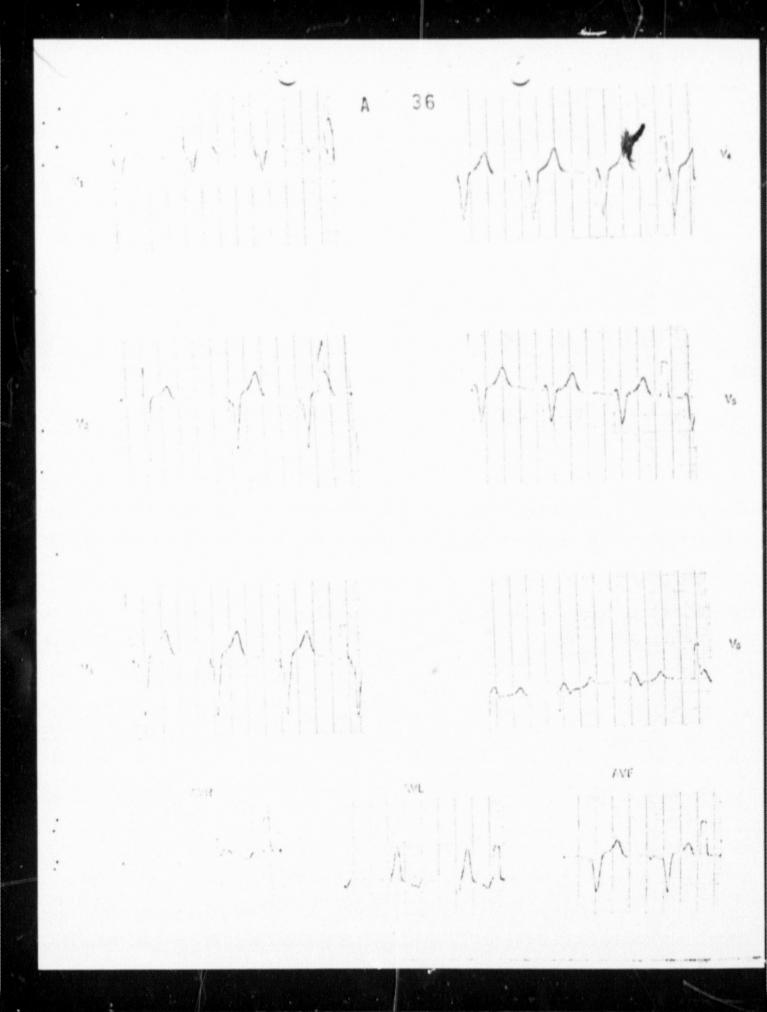


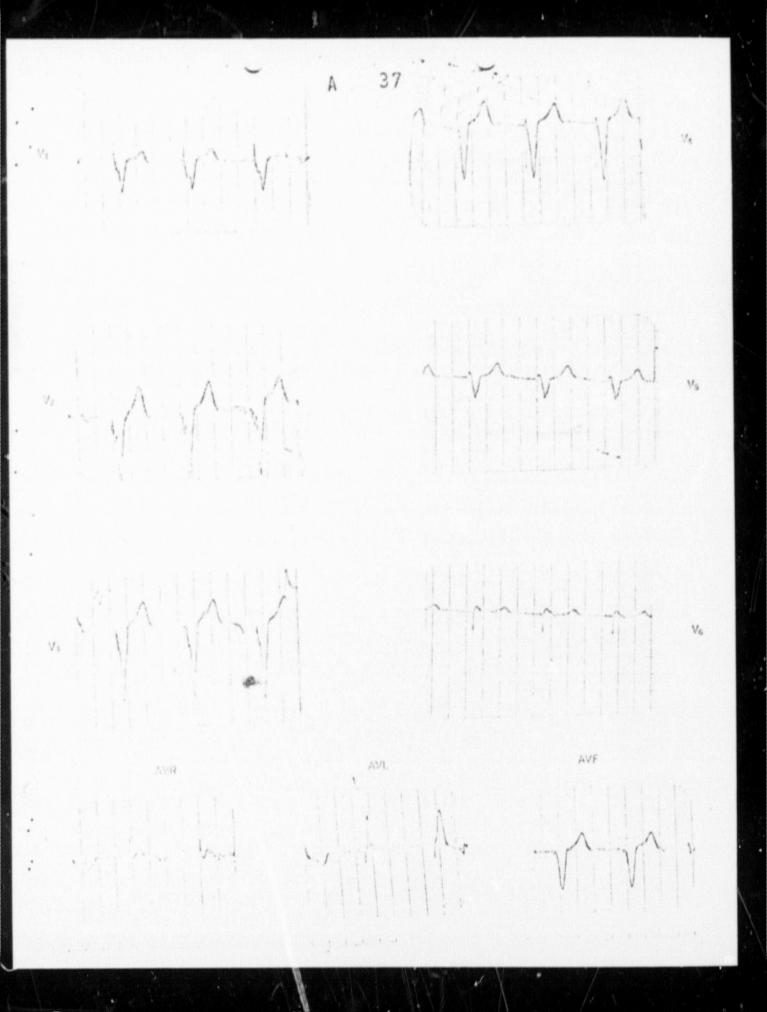




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On August 26, 1975 I examined Mr. N. Kevelson again and am writing a report of my findings plus a summary of his previous condition. There was a worsening of the patient's condition on this examination, in that he now complained of more increased shortness of breath with exertion, than was noted previously. He, also, noted that with walking, even at a normal rate, he would have to stop after one block because of angina of effort. At times, the chest pain which occurred was associated with numbness in his hands. The blood pressure was 130/80 mm., and the heart was pacing at a rate of 72 with occasional irregularity. The electrocardiogram showed fair pacemaker functioning with a sinus bradycardia and P waves that occasionally conducted. The heart was enlarged to percussion and auscultation, and the sounds were diminished. The liver was palpable.

It was my feeling that his condition of coronary artery disease with anginal syndrome and "sick sinus syndrome" had deteriorated somewhat. I urged the patient to keep a supply of nitroglycerine with him and to curtail his activities even more than previously.

Because of the deterioration of his underlying heart disease, I do not believe that it is possible for this man to stand trial. The anxiety and tension associated with this could be hazardous to him, and the risk of even more permanent damage could follow such an ordeal.

Yours very truly

Benjamin Rosenberg, M.D.

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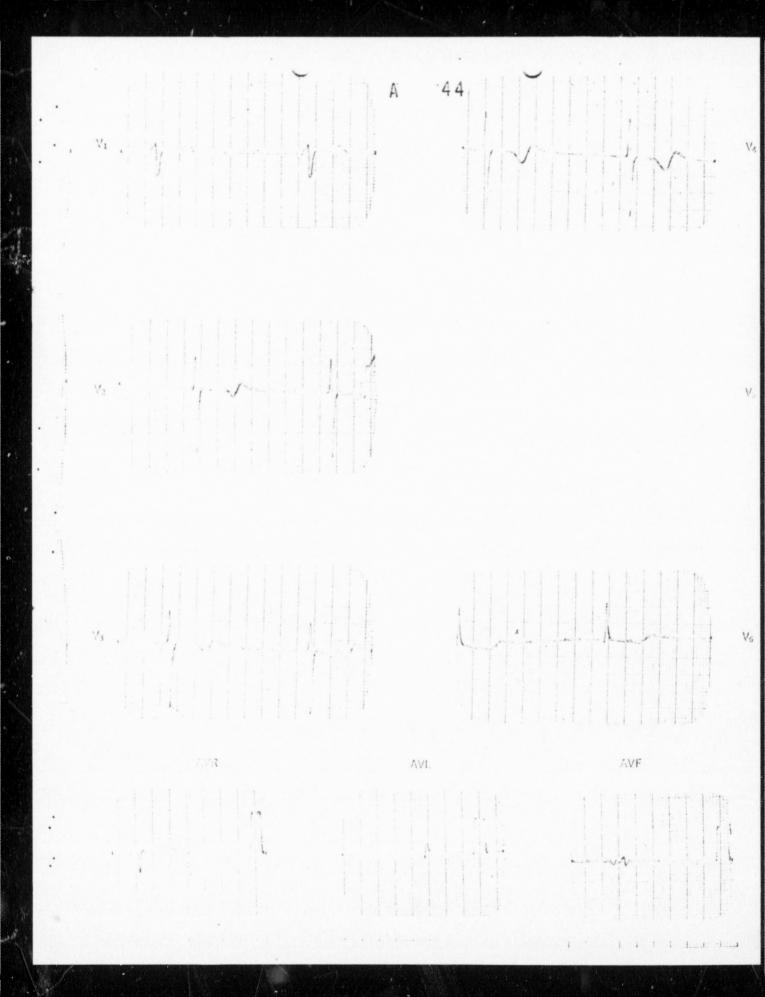
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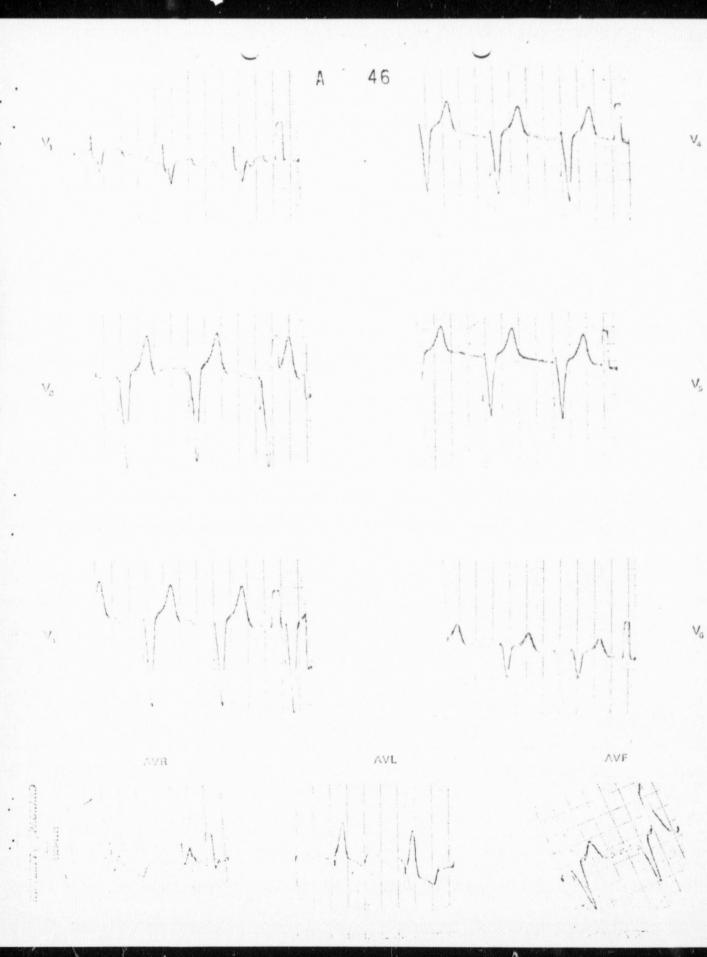
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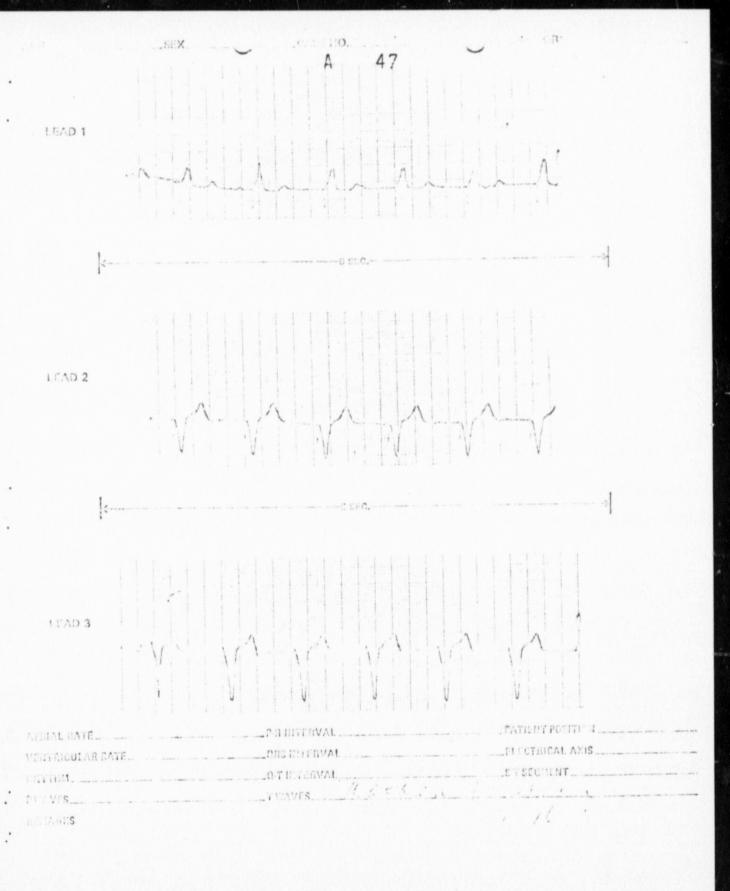


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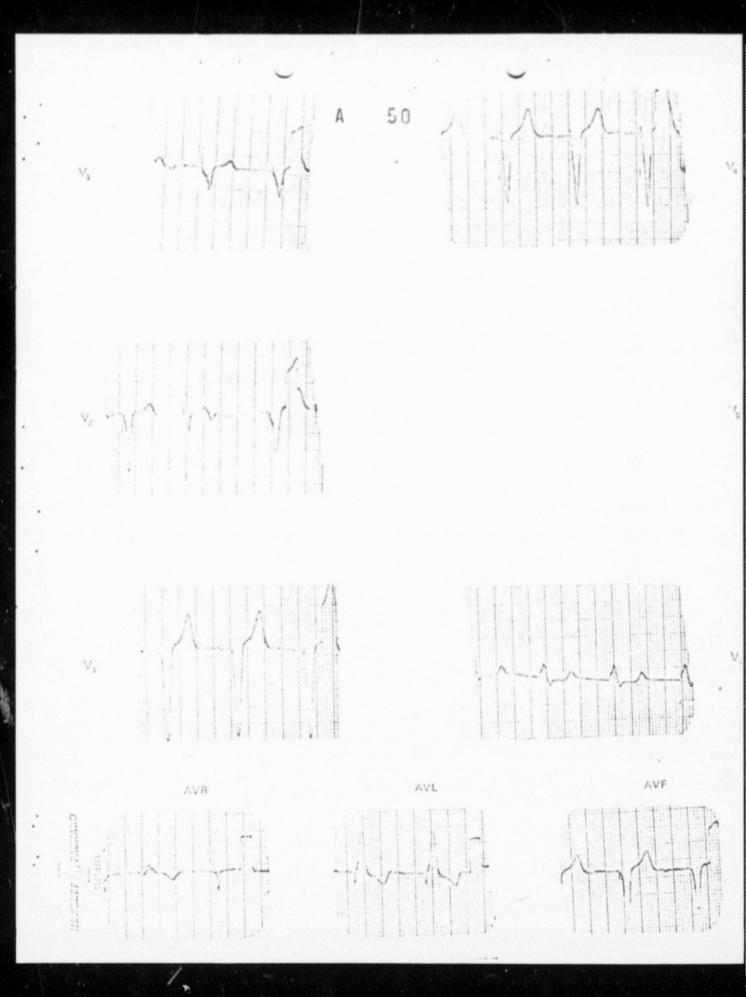
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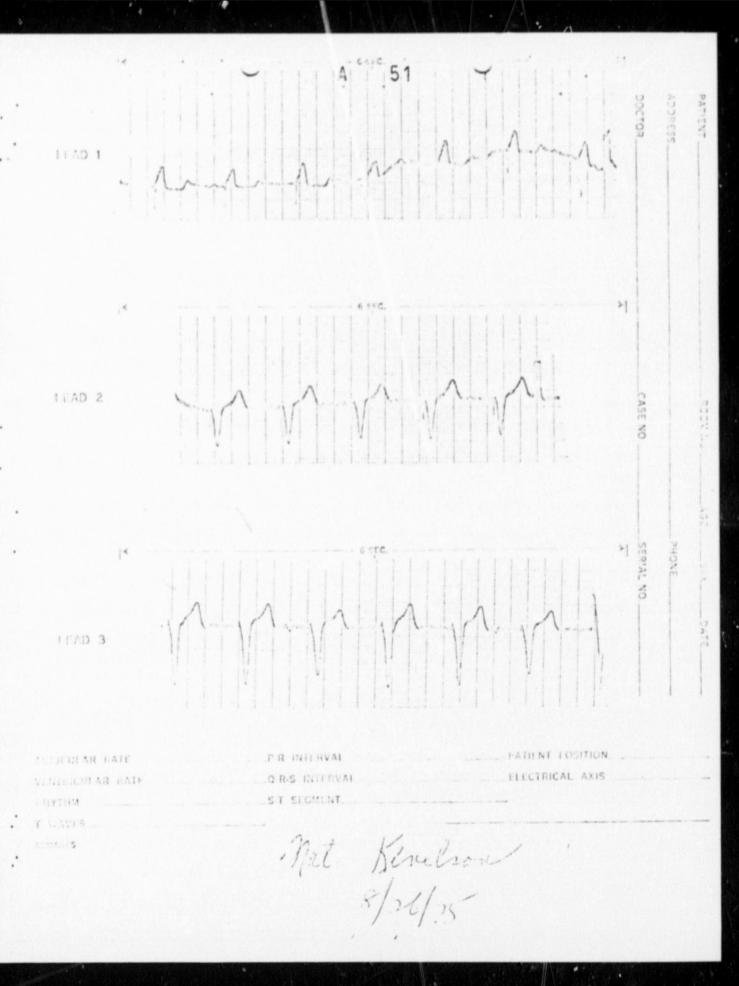


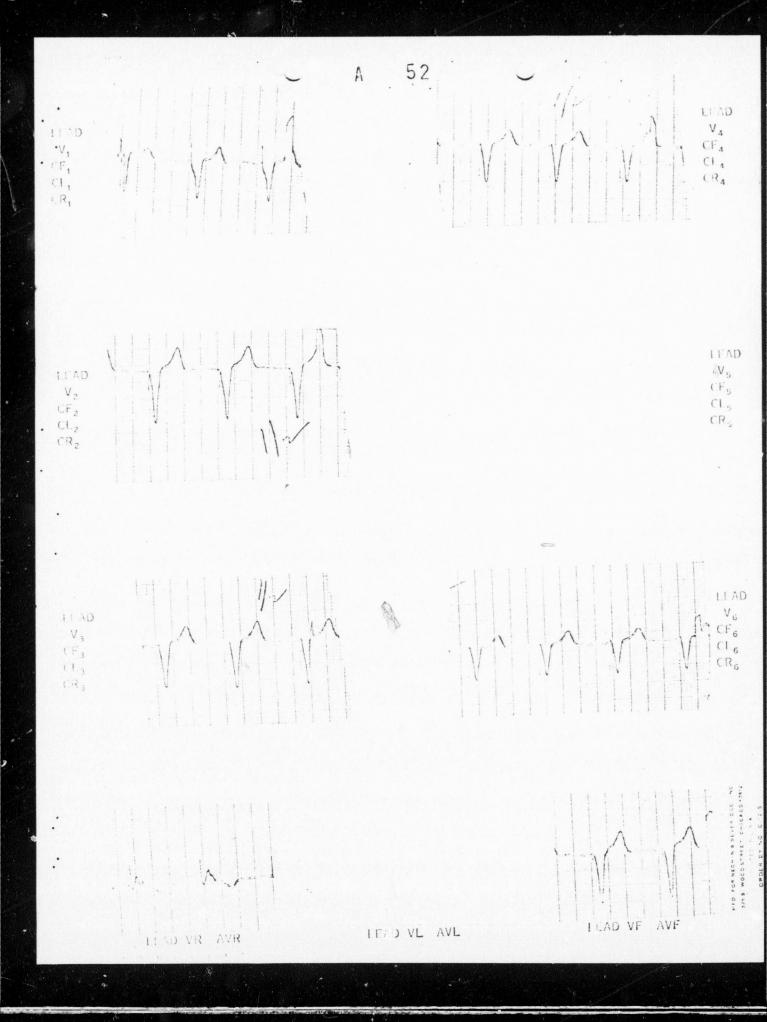
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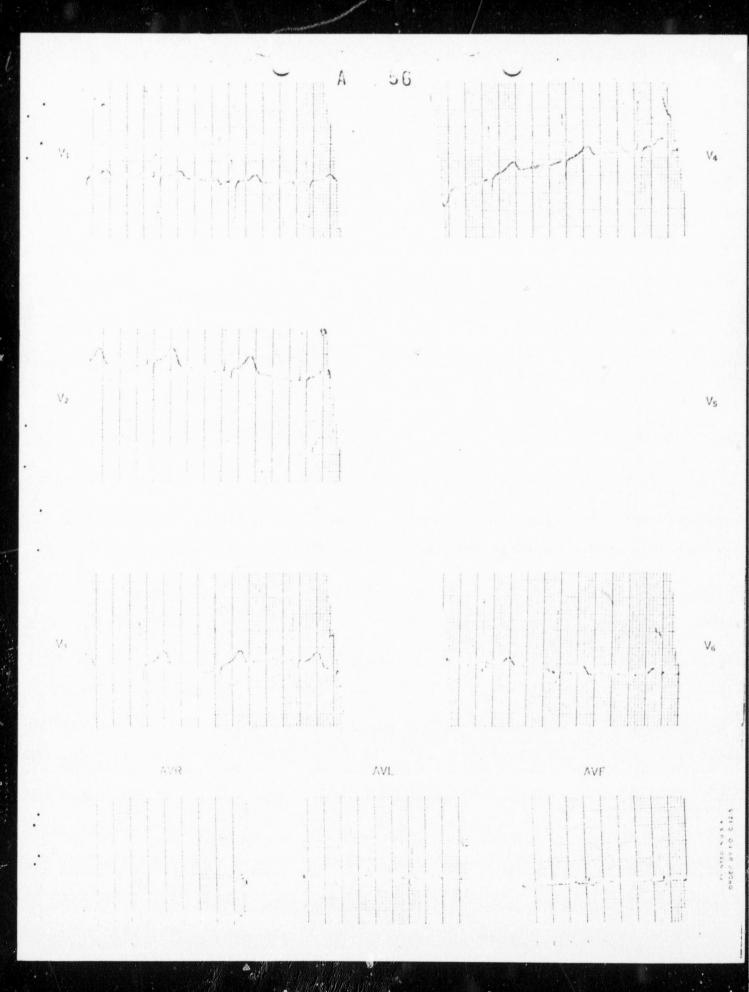
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SIMON DACK, M.D., P.C.

July 8, 1974

Benjamin Rosenberg, M. D. 10 Stratford Road Brooklyn, New York 11218

Re: Mr. Nathan Kevelson

Dear Benjamin:

Many thanks for referring Mr. Nathan Kevelson for cardiac consultation. The patient states that he has had no symptoms referable to his heart such as chest pain, shortness of breath, and has never had any feelings of blackout or faintness. Examination of his electrocardiogram indicates that he has had a bradycardia since at least May 1971 when he had a sinus bradycardia of 52 to 56 per minute. In August 1972 he had a more marked sinus bradycardia and sinus arrhythmia with the rate varying from 30 to 55 per minute. In January 1973 he had junctional bradycardia with a rate of 42 per minute. On May 2, 1974 he was found to be in atrial flutter with 2:1 and 4:1 ventricular response and an average rate of 85 per minute. At that time he was treated with Digoxin and Quinidine. The rhythm reverted to sinus and junctional bradycardia and on June 27 his rate was as slow as 33 per minute. On June 28 he still showed a rate of 35-36 per minute. Digoxin therapy was stopped on June 27.

Examination on June 3 showed a sthenic, slightly obese man of 66 who weighed 182 pounds half dressed. The lungs were clear. The heart was slightly enlarged to the left on percussion. The heart sounds were moderately distant and there were no murmurs. There was a bradycardia of 44 per minute and a blood pressure of 138/80. On deep inspiration a bigeminal rhythm appeared.

Chest x-ray and cardiac fluroscopy disclosed moderate left ventricular enlargement and generalized diminished pulsations over the left ventricular border. The lungs were clear. The hilar vessels were accentuated. The radiographic appearance is the same as in your x-ray taken in May.

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November 11, 1975

Hon. Judge Jack Weinstein U.S. District Court Eastern District of New York Brocklyn, New York 11201

Dear Sir:

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He then developed spells of weakness and after being studied by his own doctor, it was decided that he had a condition known as a sick sinus syndrome.

About the same time he also began to develop atypical angina pectoris syndrome, namely, severe pain in his chest with physical exertion or with an emotional upset such as climbing stairs or anything in his personal life that caused him to be upset emotionally.

He was seen at that time in consultation by Dr. Simon Dack, one of our most prominent cardiologists in this country, who verified the diagnosis of a sick sinus syndrome, and I myself have seen photostatic copies of the electrocardiograms. There were times when his heart rate dropped as low as 30. These were associated with the spells, particularly of weakness. Dr. Dack recommended at that time that he have a pacemaker implanted. This was done at the Maimonides Hospital, and is still in place and working well.

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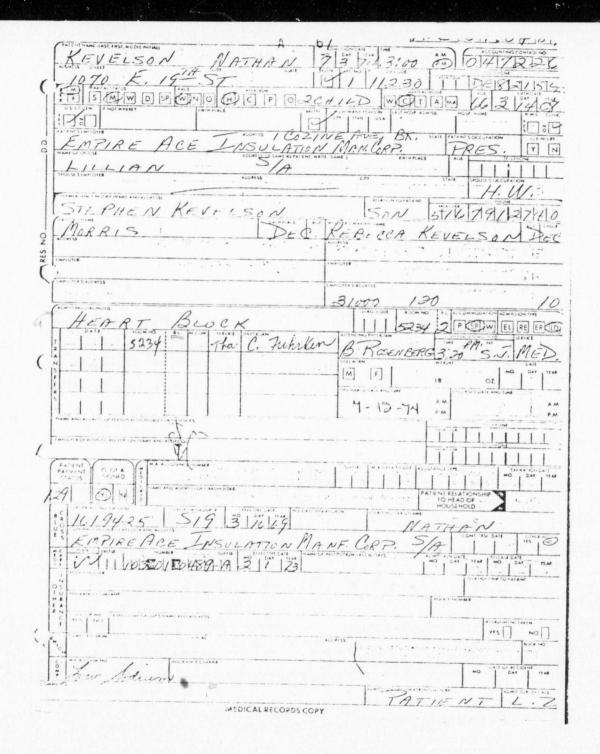
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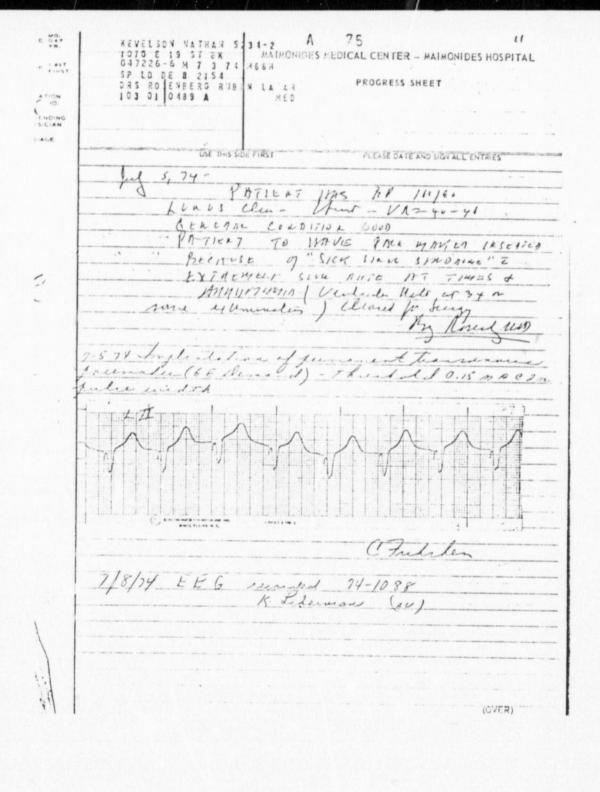
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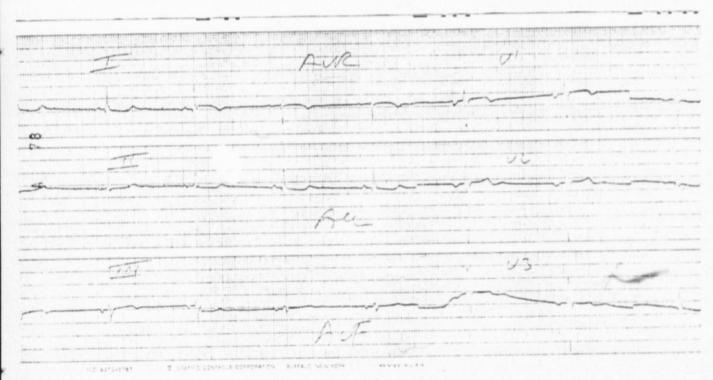


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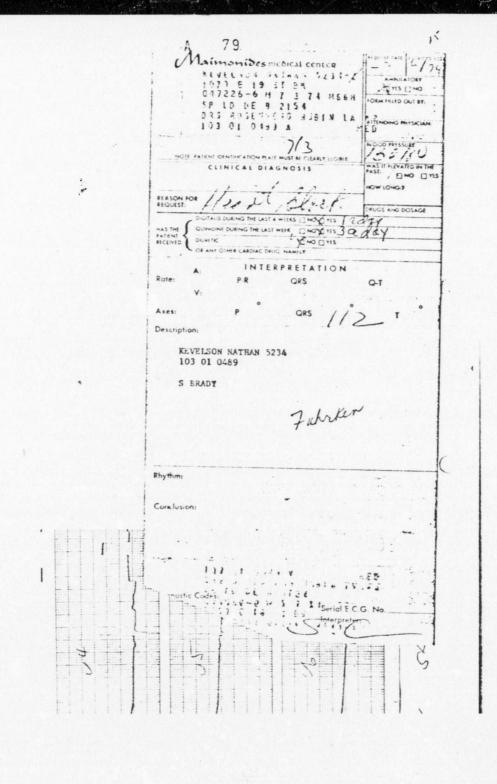
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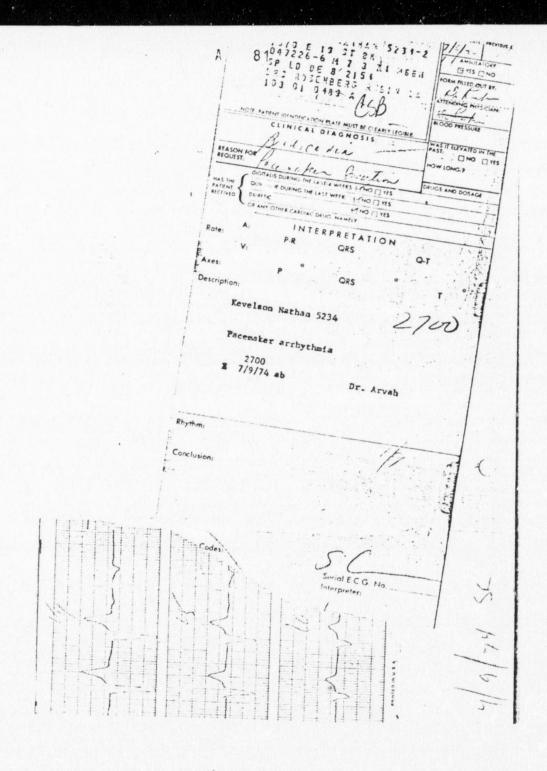
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IMPRESSION: BILATERAL PLEURAL FFFUSIONS, GREATER ON THE LEFT WITH ELEVATION OF THE LEFT HEMIDIAPHRAGM. PULMONARY VASCULAR ENGORGEMENT WITH PARENCHYMAL INFILTRATES COMPATIBLE WITH PULMONARY EDEMA, HOWEVER PNEUMONITIS CANNOT BE RULED OUT. CLINICAL CORRELATION SUGGESTED. Dr. Bard

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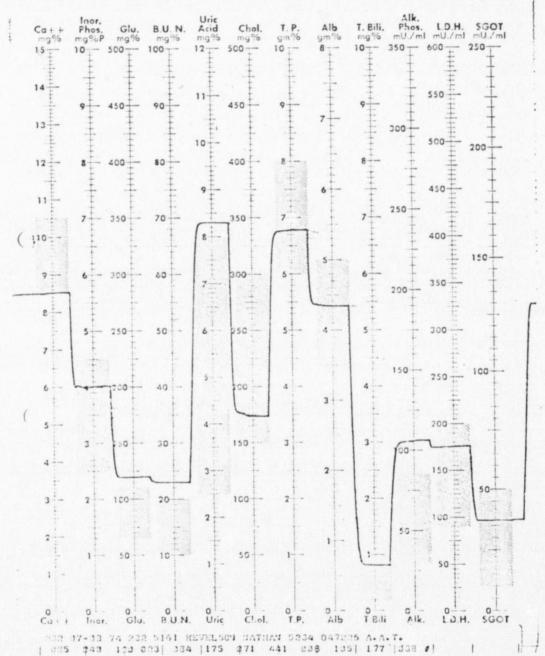
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Appearances:

DAVID G. TRAGER, ESQ. United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York

BY: J. CADEN, ESQ. Assistant U.S. Attorney

HYMAN L. ZOLOTO, ESQ.

AND

STUART SHAW, ESQ.

THE CLERK: U.S.A. versus Kevelson.

MR. ZOLOTO: If the Court please, I bring this motion for a continuance orally or alternatively for medical severance. The defendant Nate Kevelson was represented by Joe Brill, Joe Brill was sick for a long time, cancer, ultimately died. I believe from what I have been told there was no consultation and not too much discussion with Joe Brill and/or all of his clients for a long time. Then the Grunwald firm got into the case, represented both the defendants and then sometime in the early part of August, 1975, based upon the theory that there might be a conflict of interest I was retained to represent Nate Kevelson.

On August 18, 1975 we had a pre-trial conference with your Honor and I for the first time met John Caden, and after we got through with the pre-trial conference we visited with John Caden in his office, I, Mr. Shaw; and I told John Caden I just got into the case, I had a few commitments I had to fulfill -- and no question about the trial data. I agreed we would be ready, I din't even talk too much to Mr. Kevelson, but upon a cursory reading of the file I told him the first thing onthe agenda I was going to move for was for a medical severance.

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The next meeting or discussion that I had with the Federal attorneys was, I was invited to a conference, I state I don't know what I was there for because I was going to make this motion. I said that to Mr. Trager. Mr. Trager said he wouldn't try the defendant if he's too ill to be tried. I disclosed the doctors that I was going to use, that was on September 18 -- for some reason or other it becomes difficult to make appointments with doctors, so I couldn't complete this within sufficient time. Low and behold on October 13 in the midst of this examination being arranged, I think that Mr. Kevelson was examined by Dr. Dack on October 16, and I had arranged for Mr. Kevelson to be examined by Dr. Charles Poindexter. I disclosed to the Federal attorney that I would want an independent cariologist of eminence to prove what I heard and what I was told. I got sick. I recognize that time was of the essence. For some reason or other, once I knew that I did not suffer any permanent heart damage, I could practice law, I could try cases starting January, I was given that permission. I wanted something to do with this motion and, so, I tried to do the best I could, and the first week I came back to my office I was told I could work two hours a day, I cheated and worked

three hours a day, called John Caden and said, here I"ll give you the reports, all the doctors that I have -- "No, bring the motion."

I prepared the papers with the least amount —
this is really not my thing — I should have assigned
someone to it. In addition Mr. Shaw who had obligations, we did the best we could. We took the
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the Maimomides report. We gave you a copy (speaking
to Mr. Caden) and they say in essence — I also make
a statement, I think in my petition, that should the
Court desire we could go to the doctors and get the
affidavits to back up everything that they say; and
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from the background of these men, the type of doctors
that are saying what they are saying, who they are.

I have never seen qualifications of a doctor in all
the years of my practice as that of Charles Poindexter.

He told me he testifies for the Government in cases
and is called in.

I think also Dr. Dack, but I'm not sure he does for the Government, I know he's testified in cases.

I have never seen eminent qualifications as that of Dr. Charles Poindexter and Simon Dack; and Dr. Poindexter said Dr. Dack is one of the foremost cardiologists we have in the country; and Dr. Rosenberg treating Nat Kevelson since 1967, his qualifications impressed me. He said way back in 1967 he suspected a heart condition.

If you read the report "going downhill" and then he says, "he might not be able to survive the ordeal of a courtroom trial. He's going to be examined on December 16 because he's treated by Dr. Rosenberg, and I've offered this, and I will state this, we could furnish you a report of that examination, should the Court so desire and/or the Federal attorney's office.

Dr. Rosenberg at one time said he had a heart beat as low as 30 that necessitated implantation of the pacemaker.

Dr. Dack was the consultant specialist that
Dr. Rosenberg called in. I asked Dr. Rosenberg,
let's find out what Dr. Dack says today. He says
"There is a critical evidence of arteriosclerotic
heart disease with considerable enlargement -- he
has a trial pending the Federal Court in January '76,
it would be my opinion that such a trial would result

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in considerable aggravation of his angina; that he would run into the danger of precipitating coronary insufficiency of myocardial ischemia.

Dr. Poindexter uses language that scares me most respectfully. He says, "I think a trial procedure" -- after findings that he makes -- and incidentally before I go further, I know this from discussions with Dr. Poindexter; I know it from Stuart Shaw. Dr. Poindexter would not render an opinion in this case unless he examined every physical report, every cardiogram, every record. I don't know if we got a bill -- well, you got a bill from Dr. Poindexter. He told me he spent three hours examining records, took his own electro-cardiograms and he uses this type of language "I think a trial procedure would be extremely dangerous and might easily" -- and he says might easily, the word "easily", the word that really impressed me here --"result in the patient dying suddenly while he was being examined, in the courtroom. I therefore strongly advise his not appearing in court."

Now, because I was ill, I did not read the cases and I did not do the research, and I'm still on a four hour a day diet which I hope increases to five next week and then normality; but the case as

reported to me by Stuart Shaw -- and I did have something, editing some portion of the brief, clearly indicates in this circuit, that based upon the medical reports before your Honor, that in your Honor's discretion I would even use the daring language "must grant" the very least here a continuance or a medical severance.

Now, since 1974, he has been receiving unemployment insurance. He had not worked. I don't know whether my record indicates this. Certainly my -- I find nothing in my petition to indicate he had been collecting unemployment insurance. This is not a lawyer coming into this case and talking about -- making such a brainstorm motion on the eve --

THE COURT: Are you entitled to collect unemployment insurance when you are medically unable to work?

MR. ZOLOTO: Are you collecting unemployment insurance?

DEFENDANT NATE KEVELSON: Yes.

THE COURT: I thought the law was you had to be in the labor market.

MR. ZOLOTO: I don't know how he's collecting.

He's an employee of a corporation, even though he's an officer.

THE COURT: My impression is , that's the law, if you are not in the labor market you cannot collect unemployment insurance; maybe disability insurance.

MR. ZOLOTO: I make the point to show that since 1974 --

THE COURT: It doesn't help.

MR. ZOLOTO: He has not been on the record --

THE COURT: It doesn't indicate. It indicates that he's in the market, the employment market; I may be wrong.

MR. ZOLOTO: I don't know what indications that possibly could be, what the doctors say, I don't know what type of employment market he can be on.

THE COURT: It doesn't help your case.

MR. ZOLOTO: I'm making that statement to show that he probably hadn't worked since 1974, July 1974. The cases and the standards set down -- I think I made a brief statement, and based on that I would rest.

THE COURT: The Government have anything to say?

MR. CADEN: Yes, I do. Basically, the initial position is neither Dr. Rosenberg's letter or the letter received from Dr. Dack indicates the defendant

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is unable physically to stand trial. They do indicate that he has a heart condition which is conceded, and they do not indicate in either of those two letters, that he's physically, mentally, emotionally unable to stand trial. As far as Dr. Poindexter is concerned, my only observation with regard to Dr. Poindexter is that he has indicated that, in his findings, that the danger which is created and he renders an opinion that might easily result in the patient dying suddenly, is based on the assumption there is going to be strenuous exertion by the defendant as well as some emotional distress. I know this Court is very familiar with the problem since it's had the problem many times before. I know in these cases, we usually work five, six hours a day. The defendant would be in a position that he is now, sitting in a chair. We would have a break in the morning and afternoon session. We would have emergency medical care here; we would have a doctor and a nurse, I could assure the Court of that; and when the doctor indicates that the basis of his findings is that defendant -his opinion he might die suddenly is predicated on the fact that he would be subject to strenuos physical exertion, I don't know whether the doctor --I'm not being disrespectful to Dr. Poindexter, I

know he's an able doctor. This is a trial. It's not a gym. As far as emotional stress, I don't doubt that Mr. Kevelson has had physical emotional stress since 1974. I think his emotional stress hasn't decreased or increased since that time, and the idea of coming before the Court and a jury of twelve to determine whether he is guilty of the crimes charged—I submit that these affidavits, especially from Dr. Rosenberg and Dr. Dack are insufficient in terms of the conclusions that they offer, and I most respectfully say that Dr. Poindexter's concept of the trial—that is foreign to me; and that's all I have to say.

MR. ZOLOTO: Let's see what Dr. Rosenberg says: "Exhibit C. In my opinion there has been a steady downard course in this patient, in that he has had increased angina with much less exertion than previously. He is extremely emotional and tense individual. It is my opinion after observing this man, that his having to stand trial would add a tremendous amount of stress to his condition, and could result in more severe coronary disease and coronary insufficiency.

It is possible that he may not be able to survive the ordeal of a long courtroom trial."

Now, let's get to Dr. Dack. You say none of the doctors say it. Exhibit E, Dr. Dack.

MR. CADEN: I'm sorry, Exhibit E.

MR. ZOLOTO. "There was clinical evidence of arteriosclerotic heart disease." -- next page, "he informed me that he has a trial pending in the Federal Court in January 1976 and it would be my opinion that such a trial would result in considerable aggravation of his angina, and that he would run into the danger of precipitating coronary insufficiency or myocardial ischemia."

Now, you have Dr. Charles Poindexter, he reviewed every record, he took the electrocardiagram. We gave you every record.

THE COURT: Take it easy. We are all just sitting around the table. I'm advising you medically.

MR. ZOLOTO: Dr. Rosenberg and Dack -- I say this very cockerly -- if that's an improper term or improper word -- get a doctor, examine this man.

Many a time he carries around four to six bottles with him. He takes one before he walks into my office. I've only seen him about four or half a dozen times; Stuart Shaw -- I was sick -- will tell you of the experience with this man. I'm not a doctor but I'll make a hearsay statement, he's never

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heard this from me before, he won't live more than two years under normal circumstances. Examine him, that's what you should do. How could you say this based on the statements that the doctor has made. I have never seen such strong language as has been used by the medical profession. I say that with your discretion, you can sit down with him and -and then, on the merits -- semetimes one can figure, well, he's a dead duck. I said that in your office the very first conference I had with you, and I'll say it today, you really can't prove that Nate Kevelson got one penny out of this thing. I'll tell you in no uncertain terms, and I also said in your office, what was so earth shattering with this man? What's going to happen to Nat Kevelson in addition to other things -- but that's not before your Honor now.

What's before your Honor is strictly the medical severance with no contradiction. I have nothing from the Government, and the Government brings forth no evidence whatsoever to contradict the findings of these doctors.

I say based upon that uncontraverted evidence this Court should most respectfully grant this motion. Mr. Kevelson is going to be 68 years old in February.

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MR. CADEN: May I interrupt? I'm on trial
in Judge Bramwell's court at 10:00, can someone tell
him where I am?

MR. ZOLOTO: The report of December 16, I
don't know what it would show -- treated by Dr.
Rosenberg.

As a lay person, what is going to happen to

As a lay person, what is going to happen to a man who is going to be tried who is 68 years old with a pacemaker.

THE COURT: When is the case scheduled for trial?

MR. ZOLOTO: January 26th. I rushed and did this the best I could.

THE COURT: I appreciate that. The papers are very good and I've read them.

MR. ZOLOTO: I deem that a compliment from a judge of your type. We did the best we could under the circumstances.

THE COURT: I've considered the matter, I've given it a great deal of consideration. On the papers I'll deny the request.

The trial will be conducted for half days in view of the condition of counsel and of the defendant.

The defendant at any time will be able to have a recess. The defendant will be entitled to have in the

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 in the building will be alerted and have necessary recusitation equipment. The Government will see that that's done. We'll proceed as scheduled.

MR. SHAW: As an officer of the Court, I should point out to your Honor that it is my understanding that Mr. Kevelson takes nitroglycerine pills and during the course of this presentation to your Honor I saw him take another one; and although your Honor has made those half days in regard to the testimony, Mr. Kevelson, might in the interest of his health, it may have to be less than a half day.

THE COURT: We will certainly consider that.

I'll take that into account. We'll conduct the trial in a way that will minimize the difficulties as much as possible. Thank you very much. I hope you feel better, Mr. Kevelson. Have a good year.

(Whereupon Court stood in recess in this matter for the day.)

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Honorable Jack B. Weinstein Justice, United States District Court Eastern District of New York 225 Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201

> RE: United States of America v. Al Kevelson and Nathan Kevelson

Dear Judge Weinstein:

On December 11, 1975, I moved before your Honor on behalf of the defendant, Nathan Kevelson, for a continuance or, in the alternative, for a medical severance based on the fact that the defendant, Nathan Kevelson, is medically unable to stand trial, and you rendered a decision on that date.

December 29, 1975

I then proceeded with providing copies of the minutes of the oral argument to Doctors Benjamin Rosenberg, Charles Poindexter and Simon Dack, who have previously rendered opinions in this matter concerning Mr. Nathan Kevelson's physical ability to stand trial.

Dr. Benjamin Rosenberg letters assessing their conclusions after reading the minutes of the oral argument which I provided to the doctors. I am attempting to secure an additional letter from Dr. Simon Dack, and I have provided him with the minutes, but I have been advised that Dr. Dack is on vacation at the present time and will return on January 5, 1976.

I am enclosing herewith the letters that I have received from Drs. Rosenberg and Poindexter, which assess their conclusions based on the decision you reached on the motion date.

Honorable Jack B. Weinstein A 119 December 29, 1975 Page 2. On the oral argument of the motion, I represented to the Court that Nathan Kevelson was going to be examined on December 16th by Dr. Rosenberg, who is his regular physician. I also stated that I would furnish a report of that examination to you, and to the Federal Attorney's office. This report I am also enclosing.

Since reading the minutes of the statements that I made with regard to s motion for a continuance and/or medical severance, it was called to my attention that both the defendant, Nathan Kevelson, and I were in error when the statement was made that Nathan Kevelson had made an application for unemployment insurance and received payments since July of 1974. This is incorrect. Nathan Kevelson has not collected, nor has he made any application for unemployment insurance, but has applied for and is receiving social security since July 1974, pursuant to social security claim #103-01-0489A. Further proof with respect to the incorrect statement made by me and the defendant with regard to unemployment insurance will be furnished to this Court since it is my intention to move expeditiously for this Court to reconsider the motion in view of the recent medical opinions on this subject.

I believe that it would be more expeditious for me to move for a reconsideration of this motion by handdelivery of this letter to you and a copy to the Federal Attorney, together with the medical opinions received from Drs. Rosenberg and Poindexter.

I would, most respectfully, deeply appreciate for your Honor to advise me of a convenient date to be heard on this motion for reconsideration.

Enclosures.

cc: Hon. David G. Trager, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York Att: John Caden, Esq. together with enclosures.

Respectfully yours,

Hyman L. Zolo

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December 22, 1975

Hon. Judge Jack Weinstein United States District Court Eastern District of New York Brooklyn, New York 11201

Dear Sir:

I have read your decision about appearing in the courtroom and the trial of Nathan Kevelson. Unfortunately, your decision to have a nurse and physician present is not as simple as anyone might imagine.

In the Coronary Care Unit of a hospital, we have not only a team of doctors and nurses, and special beds, but medical equipment which, within fifteen seconds, can be attached to a patient. The equipment is movable, but must be a very short distance from the patient because resuscitation of the heart requires never later than one minute, and seldom is successful unless it is done within thirty seconds. You do not have, nor is it possible to set up such equipment in a courtroom.

A patient of Mr. Kevelson's status, who does have an advanced narrowing of one or more coronary arteries, as judged from his history and from the fact that he has a pacemaker, would certainly indicate that his disease is advanced. I believe that just having a doctor and nurse in the courtroom would be of little or no help other than possibly to relieve pain. What usually happens is that the heart either stops completely or develops a very fast rate with the origin of beat in the ventricle, and then, in a few minutes, either goes into complete irregularity of the ventricular rhythm, or stops on its own. The modern methods

of relief consist mainly in the use of electric shock by special machines which are hard to set up, and most often times must be used repeatedly before any success is obtained. In our Coronary Care Units, even with a team of specially trained doctors and nurses, who do nothing else but this kind of work, the mortality rate runs about twentyfive percent. No two people alone, for example a doctor and a nurse, could handle such devices, especially in an open courtroom, because the patient usually, at the same time, has repeated convulsions which require four or five strong men to physically control. I know of no doctor who would be willing to deliberately put himself in such a position. A nurse might be able, in certain instances, to run such a machine, but certainly would be lacking in the efficiency that a welltrained physician would have. I do not believe that any doctor would take on such a job because watching a person die with convulsive seizures is an extremely unpleasant experience, to say the least. I, personally, having been through this in the hospital, with all the modern equipment available, would never take on a case where such a situation might occur.

I have been in Cardiology since my last year in medical school. I have been called upon many times by the Court, where I have been a member of a special panel used by the Supreme Court for its impartial opinion. Unfortunately, every patient that I have told the Court should not be in a courtroom or at a trial, has been dead within a year, with the exception of one.

Knowing that anxiety and physical effort are two of the main causes of precipitating an attack and death, I can only say that such an occurrence, particularly in an open courtroom, or in any large gathering of people, is an extremely gruesome experience.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Poindexter

123 10 STRATFORD ROAD BENJAMIN ROSENBERG, M. D., F.A.C.P. RICHARD RUBIN, M. D. BROOKLYN, N. Y. 11218 ALEXANDER J. LAZAR, M. D. INGERSOLL 9-4600-1 P. C. December 18, 1975 NATHAN KEVELSON RE. TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN: I re-examined Mr. N. Kevelson on December 16, 1975. With the cold weather Mr. Kevelson finds a definite increase in his angina. His angina has increased more with walking, but does occur at rest. Examination shows a blood pressure of 150/80 mm. lungs showed a few scattered rales at the left lower lobe, posteriorly. The heart was enlarged to the left. The heart was paced at a rate of 72 per minute with intermittent irregular beats which may have come from the sinus. The abdomen was not remarkable. The liver edge was palpable. The extremties showed no edema. The patient complained of some pain in the left arm which was intermittent and associated, at times, with effort, and at other times with rest. Mr. Kevelson's condition has deteriorated a little more than previously, in my opinion. His angina seems to be worse, in that it occurs at rest. I wish to reiterate that I do not believe the patient should stand trial because I believe that an ordeal in the court room could lead to a worsening of his condition, and even to a fatal demise. Yours very truly Benjamin Rosenberg, M.D. BR/r

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THE COURT: We haven't set a date of trial here, have we?

MR. CADDA: Yes, we have -- January 26, with the exhibits to be marked on January 19th.

MR. ZOLOTO: This is a motion. As I understand it from my office, there is a letter for a motion to reargue which was submitted to your Honor.

THE COURT: Glad to hear you anytime. It is a pleasure to see you. I just wanted to know why I am seeing you this morning.

MR. ZOLOTO: You too. It's a pleasure.

I don't have any ill motives. You are an able judge and a good lawyer and I'm going to refer to that in my argument. Always a pleasure.

Well, I am going to take it for granted that your Honor is well aware of what happened on December lith in the argument and with the exhibits and in addition thereto, is well aware of the letter that was sent to your Honor on December 29.

THE COURT: Yes, I did see it. I think I endorsed that letter.

MR. ZOLOTO: It would be important for you

to have it az I will refer to certain things that were said and written and my explanations.

THE COURT: Is that it?

(Document handed to defense counsel.)

MR. ZOLOTO: Yes. That should be the letter in which I expressed a deep appreciation if you would afford me an opportunity to be reheard as to your decision on December 11th.

I ordered a copy of the minutes and I have them and if I refer to minutes and say anything what-soever not in accord with anybody's recollection I will give you the page number and read it, should anybody desire.

One thing I haven't mastered in all the time I have practised law is that when I order the minutes, should I order a copy for the Court and I didn't know whether or not I should.

Now, in my letter I tell you that I made an error so that the defendant when you asked him -- it's page 14 --

THE COURT: Yes. I remember the event very well.

MR. ZOLOTO: The question of the unemployment insurance.

THE COURT: Yes.

MR. ZOLOTO: I have here -- and I don't get to see Mr. Kevelson often -- I have great difficulty in preparing him and I told him to bring this morning to Court so that maybe my papers are loosely presented without the exhibit -- I will do whatever your Honor directs me to do -- I told him not to cash the last check he received and I have two phtostatic copies of the check.

THE COURT: Mark it in evidence at this hearing, please.

MR. ZOLOTO: The check is clearly one for Social Security for the month of December and I also represent to this Court on behalf of the defendant --

THE CLERK: Court Exhibit 1 in evidence.

(So marked.)

MR. ZOLOTO: (Continuing) He has represented to me that it is these checks that he received.

Now, in my petition and an affidavit from Stuart Shaw which were part of the papers before your Honor, we say we cannot prepare this man for trial.

Scuart Shaw took over when I was in the hospital --

THE COURT: How are you feeling now? Feeling better?

MR. ZOLOTO: I feel great. People tell me I

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look great. But these cardiologists, maybe they don't think the way I think or should think. They sort of keep me down and tell me I'm not that well.

I have never felt as good as I feel and my mind has never been as clear as it is. I feel so able.

So, anyway, this is but a clear example of what I want to point out to the Court.

I am ashamed of what I said when I came here and you said to me, "How does it help you?" I said that the reason I talked about the unemployment insurance is that I believed it to be -- to show you or show the Court evidentiary-wise that since July, 1974, this man has not worked. That was the purpose.

To me, it wouldn't have made any difference for the purpose of the statement, whether he was collecting unemployment insurance or social security.

However, without bragging about myself, if I was coming in on a motion of this type, before statements like that would be made by me -- or one would have the right to assume that I would have at least sat down and interviewed the client -- I could never have made such a statement which I am ashamed of.

Now, Mr. Kevelson sat here, didn't say yes or no to anything. It bothered me. When I got the

minutes it really bothered me.

So, from December 11 to now I met him once.

I called him up and either one of his sons took him
to my office and he said in fact, "I just got a check.

Should I cash it?" I said, "Keep the original. Make
photostats so when I come before the Court I will tell
the Court."

Another thing, I said in my letter to you to reconsider your decision because I expect a report from Doctor Simon Dack in accordance with your decision and Mr. Shaw of my office took care of the details with respect to that.

I think it was the day before Christmas -talking from memory -- that Stuart Shaw, who is in
the building and when he gets through in his Part
will meet me up here, delivered to Doctor Dack a
copy of your decision and all the minutes together
with Poindexter's letter and this other doctor's -his name I forget -- Doctor Rosenberg's letter because
we had then already received the letters from them.

Stuart Shaw informed me that Doctor Dack was on vacation or going on vacation the next day or was on vacation -- I don't really remember -- and I wrote you a letter and said he will be back from his vacation and return on January 5th and I had

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every reason in the world to believe that I would get a report from him.

Now, I know Doctor Dack very well. I know
him. I know him. He knows me. He was an honored
guest at a dinner in my honor, as a matter of fact.
He is an honored man but never had anything to do with
our office.

His letter is to Doctor Rosenberg. I called him in. I said I wanted an expert cardiologist and in my opinion there is none more qualified than Doctor Poindexter who examined me and rendered his opinion.

I called Doctor Dack on January 5th. I didn't get a report in my office. Got on the phone. He called me, "Hy." He says, "Hy, there's a decision

I have made. I will never, in any Court case, any more write a report or testify for nobody. I won't do it for you."

I said, "Doc, you have a moral obligation to do that. I am not asking you to concur, to agree or disagree. All I am asking you is for the opinion. We will pay you for your time. Send me the bill or sent Kevelson the bill or send Doctor Rosenberg the bill."

I told him that it is unfair that he should do this.

I then said to him, on the phone, "Is there anything that these doctors have said that you disagree with?" He said, "No."

He then said -- first he gave me an argument and said that this is going to lead to his testifying in Court. I said, "I am not saying that to you now. All I am requesting from you is a report. That is all that is necessary. Write anything that you see fit to write. Is there anything that you disagree with?" He said, "No, but I am not getting involved in any more cases with anybody including you."

Well, quite frankly I was shocked. I said,

"Doc, but you wrote a report. A judge rendered a

decision. Doctors tell me what the judge has decided

to do is wrong medically. That's what I want you to

respond to." He said, "I wrote a report to Judge

Weinstein. He knows how I stand. It is very clear.

That should be sufficient. There is no disagreement."

I do not intend to reiterate or specifically go back as to what was said so that we will have a long drawn out record but it is important for me to again make clear Plaintiff's Exhibit E --

THE COURT: Defendant's, you mean.

MR. ZOLOTO: Pardon me. Defendant's Exhibit E.
I was in the hospital then.

This is dated October 17, 1975, written by Doctor Dack to Doctor Benjamin Rosenberg.

I am going to stress three things. Firstly, he says: There is clinical evidence of arterial sclerosis particularly heart disease with considerable cardiac enlargement, coronary insufficiency and severe angina pectoris on mild stress. The patient must continue to limit his physical acitivities and to avoid all emotional stresses. He informed me that he has a trial pending in the federal court in January, 1976 -- he doesn't mention the date, he mentions the month -- and it would be my opinion that such a trial would result in considerable aggravation of his angina and that he would run into the danger of precipitating coronary insufficiency or mild cardial ischemia.

Now, that's clear. I went over that at the last argument of the motion.

Now, Doctor Dack very temperamentally, to me on the telephone, says, "I told him. I don't want to get involved. I will not get involved. I have 9 appointments a day. I visit patients at the hospital, I teach and I write. That's it. That's enough. I will not do it, even for you."

There is no way that I know that I can force

him to do it and I have thought a lot about it because the first reaction one gets is this is a phony or something that he can't respond and I am stating to this Court that I believe that if a judge called a doctor and talked to the doctor he would be apprised of the facts.

I also believe -- and I know this -- that
Simon Dack would not write what he wrote and that
doesn't mean to me that Mr. Kevelson can stand trial.

Simon Dack told me that he does not disagree with whatever the doctors subsequently wrote which letters were given to you and I find that my office — I want to apologize — it was a little sloppy — we didn't mark them as exhibits and just sent them with the letters. That is the part-time problem I have.

THE COURT: I don't understand the nature of the argument or why we need Dack. I agree those are all eminent doctors and I accept what they say at face value. There is no evidence submitted by the Government to indicate the doctors are wrong. I accept them. I don't need them here.

MR. ZOLOTO: You are not telling me you have any evidence to the contrary --

THE COURT: I don't. The man is ill.

MR. ZOLOTO: I am going to say that you are a

very able judge and a good lawyer and you cannot THE COURT: I never found that he is not ill. It is conceded by the Government that he is ill. MR. ZOLOTO: But you cannot make such a finding Have him examined by any doctor --THE COURT: I can see that hc is an old man and he is ill. I have seen old men. He doesn't look well today. How are you feeling? THE DEFENDANT: I have pain. THE COURT: He doesn't look well. He is getting ill as you speak. The argument isn't helping Do you want to take a little break now? THE DEFENDANT: I'd like to walk out. THE COURT: Do you want to take a little MR. ZOLOTO: I don't want --THE COURT: (Addressing court spectator.) Are you here with Mr. Kevelson? Are you the other

MR. ZOLOTO: No, he is not. He is a rabbi. He has two sons that are rabbis --

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THE DEFENDANT: No. one.

THE COURT: What does this son do?

THE DEFENDANT: He works.

THE COURT: Well, we all work. What kind of work does he do?

THE DEFENDANT: He is a salesman.

THE COURT: (Addressing court spectator.) Take your father out and let him rest a bit. If he wants to rest a bit, let him.

(Whereupon, defendant exited the courtroom.)

MR. ZOLOTO: I apologize if I do anything --

THE COURT: There's no question the man is ill. He is 68. He has a heart condition and the doctors are right -- a trial never hurts a judge but anybody with a heart condition is going to be hurt and there is a danger involved in these heart condition cases. But, I must decide whether -- bearing in mind the risks involved and the necessity of justice -- he is to be tried --

MR. ZOLOTO: Without any other evidence? THE COURT: I don't need the evidence because I concede the accuracy of the statements in your material. The Government isn't contesting it. I assume the Government doesn't have it.

I can look and see the man is not a well man.

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But, this is a policy decision I have to make. It is a serious tax case. Most of it will be done on the record. 95 per cent of this trial is going to be a record trial, I take it. Is that so?

MR. CADEN: A good part of it.

MR. ZOLOTO: That would not be true if he was physically able --

THE COURT: I --

MR. ZOLOTO: (Continuing) -- I say that to you most respectfully.

THE COURT: I assume what you are saying is true. I have no reason to doubt you. You are a very eminent lawyer. But, I don't believe that the defendant's condition will appreciably affect his capacity to defend the case. If I did, I wouldn't permit it to go to trial.

I will inform the jury that he is ill and there are these problems and therefore he is not in a position to defend himself as vigorously, physically, as he might otherwise and they can take into account if he testifies.

Do you plan to put him on?

MR. ZOLOTO: How could he testify?

THE COURT: I am asking you. Do you plan to put him on?

MR. ZOLOTO: How can I in view of what the doctors say?

THE COURT: Well, I will tell them, in fairness to you and him, in addition to the incrimination charge, of his illness. I will do whatever I can to assist you -- because I know you have a physical problem -- and assist him.

MR. ZOLOTO: I don't believe I have a physcial problem. I feel good.

THE COURT: I am happy to hear that. But, if you do have, I will be delighted to hear you on it.

I am not going to put off the case.

MR. ZOLOTO: So that I understand this, even if an impartial physician said that Mr. Kevelson should not go to trial --

THE COURT: He cannot say that. Only I can say that. All he can tell me is what the danger and what the problems are. That's what a doctor is for. I accept what you submitted as being accurate.

It may well be that this is such a strong case that you want to take it up to the Court of Appeals on mandamus.

The case is set for the 26th and 1 plan to go ahead. I have no feeling about your doing that and getting reversed. It is a question of law. My

opinion can be wrong. However, that is the way I analyze it.

MR. ZOLOTO: I know that.

So I don't say this in bad taste to your Honor —

I become emotional about that — I certainly do intend
to proceed and take this to the Court of Appeals
because I feel that based on the record and the facts,
the statements made by the doctors, a statement made
by me that has no provative value but I made that
statement upon which — about what I heard orally —
he will not live — doctors feel pretty sure he will
not live for more than two years if there is no trial
because he has got deterioration.

Doctor Poindexter says -- a member of the Supreme Court panel -- he says in only one case was he wrong where a patient lived a year whether he went to trial or didn't go to trial which coincidentally is the Bernstein case but he hasn't passed yet --

THE COURT: Well, I appreciate it.

If you are going to take this up in the Court of Appeals move quickly because I am not staying the case. I have a very serious calendar problem. We are under a very strict speedy trial rule compelled by the Court of Appeals.

I have jail cases. I am now trying the

Chesimard case which was added to my calendar because Chief Judge Mishler couldn't take the case. I cannot juggle my calendar. That is why I am not giving you a stay. If the calendar were different I would give you a stay and give you more time to go up. If you are going to proceed you have to do it forthwith.

MR. ZOLOTO: I am going to proceed forthwith.
THE COURT: Good.

MR. ZOLOTO: I am also saying to your Honor that the only time that I will make an application for a stay is if there is no decision by the Court of Appeals. I am now saying to the Court stenographer --

THE COURT: I am telling you now I won't give you a stay. You will have to make the application in the Court of Appeals. The record should be clear that I cannot adjust my calendar.

MR. ZOLOTO: I understand that clearly and that is what John Caden and I were talking about outside. I said to him, as I say to you, we will be ready to pick up the minutes at the stenographer's earliest possible convenience. We will forthwith prepare the petition -- follow me -- to the Court of Appeals.

THE COURT: The quicker I get a decision the better because if I am not trying your case I must bring in another case and it is a very difficult thing.

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MR. ZOLOTO: I am representing to you that it will be taken care of forthwith.

THE COURT: Wonderful.

MR. ZOLOTO: If I don't get a decision from the Court of Appeals and I do everything with reasonable dispatch I will have to go the Court of Appeals and get a stay.

THE COURT: Yes. You are not getting it from me.

MR. ZOLOTO: I have never changed that position with John Caden.

THE COURT: I think you have a clear record.

MR. ZOLOTO: Yes, and the issue is a simple one for the Court to decide.

THE COURT: I have granted stays. I have put off trials --

MR. ZOLOTO: No, no, no. I find no fault with you.

judgment as best I can. It is always a difficult decision for a trial judge to make because a defendant may drop dead in the course of the trial or become ill and then the judge has it on his conscience. But I cannot help making difficult decisions. I have had defendants collapse in Court. Fortunately, we

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have never had any serious illness during the course of the trial and I hope that will continue. But, I cannot, in order to protect my emotional health, put off trials whenever there is a risk. That is a risk we have to take.

Take care of your own health. That's the main thing.

MR. ZOLOTO: I find no fault. I only disagree -THE COURT: With my finding. I understand.

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Dear Mr. Trager:

As I telephonically advised Assistant United States Attorney
John L. Caden this date, pursuant to discussions with my client,
Mr. Al Kevelson, the above entitled action will be disposed of
pursuant to a plea of Guilty to the major count of this indictment
or such other count as may be appropriate, on the date heretofore
set for trial, i.e., January 26, 1976, before the Honorable Jack
B. Weinstein.

Should there be any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to communicate directly with the undersigned at your earliest possible convenience.

Very truly yours,

RBG/eb

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